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Synopsis

Lin Huang was a 15-year old boy from Earth, on a path to live his life in a world full of monsters. With his younger sister in his care, and given only 91 days to live, the odds were not in his favor at all... That is until, he killed a vicious vampire, purely by accident. With a twist in his tale, his life was changed completely. As he fought his way through this world with the help of his troops made of men and monsters, the boy sets his sights on a much larger ambition of becoming the greatest monster hunter in the world!

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Chapter 701: The Book of Sorcerer Dao

The seventh level of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower was located in a wooden room. It did not look very big, and the decoration was simple. It was the complete opposite of the luxurious setting in the castle earlier. Lin Huang took a quick look around and focused on the stone tablet that was not far in front of him. It was not as simple as the golden lines on the previous stone tablets. There were now 36 advanced rune lines.

Lin Huang's eyebrows knitted together. He could tell that it should not be a sealing rune, but some other rune. He did not summon Bloody or ask the grinning face above. He sat down in the corner of the wooden room as he started memorizing the 30,000 advanced completed runes and the 8,000 high-level completed runes. Three days went by just like that, and he had finally memorized all of the completed runes that Bloody had shared with him.

In the middle of the night on the fourth day, Lin Huang finally opened his eyes and walked to the stone tablet. He now understood what the rune was referring to.

"So, this is an invitation rune."

Sorcerers sent the invitation rune. Only people who could read as well as decode runes would be invited. It was like a door that required a custom-made key to enter.

Lin Huang smirked. The more he studied Witchcraft Rune, the more he thought that being a sorcerer was an interesting job. The invitation rune was one of the runes that Bloody had come up with. He soon found the decoding rune in his head and drew the rune on the stone tablet. A while later, the invitation rune transformed into stars and flew into the sky. Then, a golden door appeared. Although Lin Huang knew it was the effect of the invitation rune, he was still surprised when he saw the door.

Without hesitation, he pushed the door open and walked into it.

As he stepped in, Lin Huang appeared in a large battle ring. There were hundreds of occupied seats surrounding the ring, and the audience members were wearing robes of all sorts. There was a certain high in the atmosphere, and many people were screaming excitedly from their seats.

"What's this?" Lin Huang was stunned to see this. As he was trying to figure out what had happened, a female voice came from above.

"This is a sorcerer's battle ring that's reflected from the time river. You'll have to fight the sorcerers from the ancient times, and you'll pass this level if you get a 100-battle winning streak. You'll have to kill your opponent to be considered a victor. Once you lose, your winning streak will be deemed ended, and you'll have to start from the first battle again."

"Did I not come here with my flesh and blood? Wouldn't I die if I lose the battle?" Lin Huang asked.

"You won't. It's your consciousness that opened the door while your real body remains on the seventh floor of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower. This is just the projection of your consciousness. If you die here, the projection of your consciousness will be recreated."

"So, is there any restriction in the battle ring?" Lin Huang asked.

"You can only use Witchcraft and not any other skill. You wouldn't be able to use any skills even if you wanted to. There's no other restriction besides this."

"But I'm not a sorcerer! I've only learned some runes, and I can't even perform any Witchcraft. How do I fight with those sorcerers without using any other skills?" Lin Huang was astounded because he had not performed the rune on his soul, and neither did he have any book related to Witchcraft nor tools with him.

"Perhaps you weren't a sorcerer before, but now you are." As the female above spoke, six golden beams shot out between his eyebrows and transformed into a book.

The book had a golden cover, and it was just the size of an adult's palm when it was closed. It did not look thick, but when Lin Huang opened it, there were hundreds of thousands of pages with completed runes in it. Besides those that he had obtained from the Sorcerer Goddess Tower earlier, there were also the advanced and high-level ones that Bloody had discovered.

"Is this the Book of Sorcerer Dao?!" Lin Huang was shocked as only real sorcerers would own The Book of Sorcerer Dao or the Sorcerer Book. He had never cultivated the Sorcerer Dao; all he did was memorize runes.

Suddenly, the thought of the six golden beams that transformed into the Sorcerer Dao book earlier came to his mind.

"So, the six golden glows that I obtained from the Sorcerer Goddess Tower combined into a complete Sorcerer Dao?"

"That's right. It's the beginner inheritance that the Sorcerer Goddess left in the Sorcerer Goddess Tower. As long as a person manages to break through the sixth level, the six memory seeds will combine into a complete Sorcerer Dao heirloom. This inheritance can be added to a sorcerer's Sorcerer Book, but for a non-sorcerer, it allows one to obtain the Book of Sorcerer Dao directly and become a sorcerer."

Lin Huang did not expect to obtain a side-job out of nowhere. All he wanted from the Sorcerer Goddess Tower was the Sorcerer Goddess's relics. He never wanted to be a sorcerer. However, what he could not understand was that according to the documentation in the secret skill that he obtained on the first level, the runes would only be recorded in the Book of Sorcerer Dao when the sorcerer had completely mastered the meaning of each rune or created their own runes.

Meanwhile, all Lin Huang did was merely memorize the hundreds of thousands of runes without understanding them, let alone master them. However, the runes that he forced himself to memorize were printed on the Book of Sorcerer Dao.

"Perhaps the Book of Sorcerer Dao thought I understood the runes because Bloody does?" Lin Huang could not think of any other better explanation than that.

Although he did not understand it, he knew that it was a good thing. The Book of Sorcerer Dao would be blank if it followed what he understood and he would not be able to fight in the ring. There were hundreds of thousands of completed runes in the Book of Sorcerer Dao which were sufficient for the battles that he was soon going to face. He knew very well that a sorcerer who understood more than 30,000 completed runes would be an elite among all of them. One who understood more than 50,000 runes would be a talent while mastering more than 80,000 would be considered a genius. It was rare for a sorcerer to understand more than 100,000 runes during the ancient times. Those who were still alive would have been a Sorcerer Goddess by now.

"The 100 opponents on this level have the same combat level as you do. They'll only be using basic runes, not advanced or high-level runes. However, there's no restriction for you, so you can perform any of the runes that you know. I hope you don't lose too quickly."

As the female voice faded away, the arena became utterly silent. The timer on top of the battle ring started counting down from ten seconds. The opponent across Lin Huang gradually appeared.

Chapter 702: Sorcerer Lin Huang

Lin Huang's first opponent was a handsome, young man wearing a white robe with a blonde ponytail. As soon as he appeared, almost all of the females in the audience screamed in excitement. Lin Huang recalled that the emcee had said that the battle ring was a projection of the time river. He figured that his opponent must be a popular man back in those days. The audience's deafening cheer was most probably a projection of what had happened in the past.

The white-robed man sized Lin Huang up obnoxiously as he appeared in the ring.

"How dare you challenge I, Tai Yun? Prepare to die."

Lin Huang raised his eyebrow as he did not expect to be challenged so daringly. He replied, "We'll find out who'll die later."

Although Lin Huang had never fought with anyone with Witchcraft, he was experienced and was not afraid of imperial-levels or even demigods. Fighting a sorcerer who had the same combat level as him was nothing to him. The battle was just a show for him to perform with a huge audience watching.

Soon, the countdown ended. Tai Yun scoffed and a Sorcerer Book covered in white appeared in front of him. He extended his right hand and placed it on top of the book which flipped open on its own while a red rune lit up from the page and transformed into a flame boa. The flame boa then sped towards Lin Huang who was tens of meters away.

"A flame boa... Fire attribute rune?" Lin Huang smirked as he could tell which rune the man was performing at one glance.

"Alright then. I shall use you as practice then."

He pressed his hand on top of the Sorcerer Book as well. In the next second, the book opened on its own with a blue rune lighting

up. A terrifying chill came out of the book with icy blue arrows that bolted out of it and swallowed the flame boa.

Within seconds, the flame boa was pierced by the icy arrows hundreds of times and disappeared. However, the remaining arrows were now hurtling towards Tai Yun at an alarming speed. Tai Yun was shocked, but he did not panic. He placed his palm on top of the book again, and this time, a yellow rune lit up. Pieces of thick bricks started stacking in front of the white-robed man until a barrier which was tens of centimeters thick was formed and blocked the arrows that were coming towards him.

Although some of the arrows penetrated the wall, none of them managed to pierce through and get to Tai Yun.

"Break it!" Lin Huang shouted.

Silver arrows shot out of the book in a spiral form. In the air, the arrows spun like drills with an intense sound of the wind, rushing towards Tai Yun.

Tai Yun was stunned. He thought the barrier would buy him some time to think of a strategy, but the drilling arrows seemed to be able to pierce through his wall of bricks easily. Helpless, he had to strengthen the barrier. As he placed his palm on the book, a layer of frost spread out of it and soon, the barrier was now frozen. Lin Huang's drilling arrows could not pierce through the barrier that was now reinforced with a layer of ice.

As Tai Yun felt relieved, he was coming up with strategies to attack next. Although Lin Huang's attacks had been blocked twice, he did not panic at all since he had mastered the battle rhythm while Tai Yun was just defending himself from his attacks.

"You use ice. Then, I'll use fire." Lin Huang grinned.

He placed his palm on the book again. Sparks of flames that were the size of a thumb roared towards Tai Yun's barrier like a meteor shower. Tai Yun thought that he could relax for a bit, so he was

shocked to see what was coming towards him. Before he could react, the stars collided against the barrier. Sparks flew, and explosions were heard. The explosions melted the ice on the barrier at an alarming rate while many of the bricks were smashed. Lin Huang had retreated to the edge of the ring, unaffected by the explosion.

It was a different story for Tai Yun. The spiral arrows that were stuck on the barrier were shot in all directions when the explosion happened. Tai Yun was devoured entirely in the explosion flare, and it felt like death for him.

"I think I've overdone it. Will he die just like that? I thought I found someone to practice with me," Lin Huang mumbled to himself. Fortunately, the explosion muffled his mumbling, or else, Tai Yun would be pissed if he heard what he had just said.

Soon, the hundreds of explosive stars burned out, but smoke still lingered in the ring, and nobody could see how Tai Yun's condition was. However, Lin Huang was sure that he had not perished as there was no announcement declaring the loser. Lin Huang did not continue to attack as he waited for the smoke to disperse patiently.

The challenges in the Sorcerer Goddess Tower were tricky. Although the arrangement of the opponents was random, they would be more powerful than the other. Tai Yun should be the least powerful one among the 100 opponents on this level. He was the best for Lin Huang to practice with, so Lin Huang did not wish for him to be killed that easily so that he could practice more.

It took a while for the smoke to clear. A clumsy person appeared amidst the smoke. The person's body was black like it had been charred. His hair was frizzy from the heat of the fire. Although he looked disheveled, people could still recognize that it was Tai Yun in his once-white robes. He could not bother about his image anymore as he panted hard. If he had not managed to defend himself with Witchcraft, he might be dead in the ring now.

"Hey, can you still fight like that?" Lin Huang teased.

"We can proceed if you're still able to fight. If not, I'll send you out of the ring."

Tai Yun glared lethally at Lin Huang as he noticed that Lin Huang was ready to attack him again. He then said unwillingly as he clenched his teeth, "I surrender!"

"What? You surrender just like that?" Lin Huang did not expect that at all.

The announcement of the female voice was heard.

"The winner of the first battle - Lin Huang! 1% of winning streak completed."

"You can choose to rest for half an hour after each battle. Would you like to take a rest?"

"There's no need for that. please continue." As he had gotten the hang of fighting with Witchcraft, Lin Huang decided to proceed with the battle since the first battle did not drain any of his energy at all.

Chapter 703: The Lady in a Red Robe

The second opponent that Lin Huang encountered was a sorcerer in a black robe. He was just slightly more powerful than Tai Yun, but that was it. After confirming where he stood in terms of ability, Lin Huang did not kill him instantly. Instead, he treated his opponent as an experiment as well as his practice partner.

Different runes kept lighting up from the Sorcerer Book and charging towards his opponent. The black-robed man was finally killed following Lin Huang's 29th attack after defending himself fiercely from the previous 28 attacks. Lin Huang won his second victory. However, he had yet to be satisfied with the practice. The coming battles became his solo performance in which he did not even give the slightest chance to his opponents as he would always attack first as soon as the battle started. All of the opponents became his moving targets. Only some of them managed to strike back while the rest were killed almost instantly.

Just like that, Lin Huang won battle after battle. The first one, the second one, the third one, the tenth one... Until the 67th battle. It was a tall lady with red chiffon covering her face with only her eyes revealed. Her entire body was wrapped in a dark burgundy robe, but Lin Huang could see her seductive body. The lady was almost 1.8 meters tall. However, he noticed that she was wearing heels underneath her robe, but he had no idea how high they were.

The lady was not Lin Huang's first female opponent. After glancing at her, he thought that he would not have to hold back on her. As soon as the countdown ended, he did what he usually did, which was to attack first. This time, something out of his expectations happened. The lady placed both her palms on the books and opened the both of them. Two runes of defense and attack lit up at the same time. Lin Huang was shocked to see that as it was his first time encountering a person who managed to handle

two runes at the same time.

As the two runes lit up, a large hemispherical frost shield and a frost ranged attack appeared. The chill spread all over the battle ring.

"Ranged attack?" Lin Huang raised an eyebrow as such an attack did not have much effect, but he knew what the lady was up to. Besides strengthening her frost shield, the frost ranged attack could also turn the battle ring into her show. As soon as the ring was covered in frost, she could attack with any frost rune from any corner.

"It seems like I've encountered someone powerful." Lin Huang grinned. No matter if it was her Witchcraft performance or her battle instinct, this lady was so much more powerful than the opponents that he had encountered earlier. He became serious. Then, he placed his palm on his book. As a red rune lit up, waves of flames flowed like waves in the ocean. The white frost collided with the waves of fire. The ring was now half-flaming red and half-frost white.

However, this only lasted for less than two seconds. A blue rune lit up on the lady's book, and a dripping sound was heard in the ring. It started raining heavily. As both the frost and the rainwater suppressed Lin Huang's fire wave, his attack was soon washed away. It was his first time being subdued in the battle since his winning streak.

A red rune lit up on Lin Huang's book, and a fiery tornado appeared like a flame dragon, attempting to devour the heavy rain. The battle came to a tie once again. Lin Huang had finally broken free from the lady's suppression. The lady had a potent ability. It proved that besides the ability to perform two runes at the same time, she was also very agile in different types of runes. Lin Huang was attacked by her restraint rune and was almost defeated.

However, Lin Huang was becoming more familiar with the runes

as they fought. He even managed to learn how to use two runes at the same time as she did. Besides that, his performance in runes improved. As they fought for more than an hour, the lady became slower in the frequency of her rune performance as her energy was drained. That was how Lin Huang turned the tables around and won the battle.

After the battle ended, he took a half an hour's rest not only to recover his Life Power but also to digest the lessons that he had learned from the battle. The battle with the red-robed lady had benefited him significantly and transformed his standard in using runes. He was now excited for the opponents to advance.

However, the opponent in the 68th battle was mediocre and was not as powerful as the red-robed lady before. The same happened to all of her opponents after that. None of them could compare to the red-robed lady. They were not even on the same level compared to her. Lin Huang won all the way to more than 90 battles, but none of the opponents could pique his interest.

"What's with the red-robed lady? Why is she so much powerful than the opponents that were sent later?" Lin Huang could not understand it.

Although the last blue-robed man that he encountered was much stronger than the opponents before, he still could not compare to the red-robed lady. Just like that, Lin Huang won the 100 winning streak with disappointment.

"Congratulations, you've completed the 100 winning streak and passed the test!"

Lin Huang asked immediately when he heard the announcement, "What's with the red-robed lady that I encountered in the middle of the battle?"

"She's a special challenger who might or might not appear," the female voice explained. "It depends on your luck."

"That means I might still encounter special challengers in the eighth and the ninth level?" Lin Huang understood immediately.

"Yes." The female voice gave an assuring reply.

"They might or might not appear. The sequence of their appearance is random too."

"I get it now." Lin Huang nodded and was sent out of the ring.

Chapter 704: Heart-Glimpsing Rune

Lin Huang learned a lot from winning the 100 battles on the seventh layer of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower, especially the battle with the red-robed lady. The lady had plenty of battle experience, and her battle instinct was just as honed as Lin Huang's especially her performance in Witchcraft that was much more powerful than his. If Lin Huang did not have that much Life Power in him, he might have been defeated.

After he completed the 100 winning streak, Lin Huang got to the eighth level of the tower. Instead of decoding the invitation rune on the stone tablet, he sat with his legs crossed as he revised all the details of the 100 battles that he had just gone through. He was studying the mistakes that he had done. A few hours went by before he walked to the stone tablet after concluding all his errors.

The invitation rune this time was a high-level rune with nine lines. After decoding the rune, the golden door appeared again. Lin Huang then pushed opened the door and stepped inside. He was sent to a battle ring that was the same size as the previous one which was hundreds of meters long and wide. However, there were more seats this time. There were 4,000 to 5,000 seats this time, and they were all occupied.

The female voice came from above again. "You'll have to achieve a 300 winning streak this time! The rules are the same as the previous one, but your opponents this time won't be using basic runes only. They'll also use advanced runes."

Lin Huang nodded without saying anything. The timer started counting down above him, and his first opponent appeared slowly.

Like he usually did, Lin Huang made the first move. However, he soon realized that the basic runes did not have any significant effect on his opponent this time around as there were defense techniques added to the advanced rune which was difficult to be

penetrated with the primary runes alone. Lin Huang then started fighting with the advanced rune. He had never used any such runes even when he was fighting the red-robed lady. However, since his opponent was using advanced runes now, he did not plan to hold back anymore.

As soon as Lin Huang executed the advanced rune, his opponent, who could not be perturbed at all, did not see what was coming. After struggling for a while, he was finally killed in less than 20 blows. It proved that even a sorcerer who had mastered the advanced rune could not handle Lin Huang's attacks that rained on him like a storm. He emerged as victor all the way to the 223rd battle without any obstacles. On the other hand, he started to get familiar with the advanced runes.

Lin Huang was stunned when he saw his opponent on the 224th battle. It was the red-robed lady! Although he had never seen the lady's face, he could tell that it was her from her body, her height and those pair of alluring eyes. Lin Huang sobered up because he knew that the lady would be much more powerful than before as she would definitely perform advanced runes this time!

As the countdown ended, Lin Huang did not even test the waters as he attacked with two advanced runes using both his hands at the same time. It was a restraint rune and an arrow rune. Many black chains and arrows dashed towards the lady. She did not panic at all as she performed a substitute rune that attracted all the attacks to her clone while her real body was not harmed at all. At the same time, she attacked using the frost rune.

The battle became stagnant again. This time, Lin Huang did not want to drag the battle on until the lady was out of energy as it was not as glorious as he thought it would be. Besides high-level runes, he had used all the runes that he could think of. The battle lasted for more than an hour, and he finally got the opportunity to perform his ultimate move: meteorite rain.

After half an hour of rest, the battles onwards were much easier,

and he achieved the 300 winning streak without breaking into a heavy sweat. Finally, he passed the eighth level. As he was sent out, the gigantic face could not help but ask him, "Have you broken through the eighth level?"

"What do you think?" Lin Huang simpered and placed his palm on the stone tablet. He was then sent to the ninth level.

"You surprised me. I didn't even think that you could pass the battles on the seventh level. I didn't expect you to break through the eighth level." The face soon appeared on the wall of the ninth level, stunned.

"Nothing's impossible as long as you do your best," Lin Huang said wisely and sat with his legs crossed. He did not continue chatting with the huge face but focused on revising the details of the 300 battles earlier instead.

A couple of hours later, he stood up again and walked to the stone tablet. He was puzzled as he looked at the rune on the stone tablet.

"So, it isn't an invitation rune anymore," he thought drily to himself, but he could not find any complete or decoding rune that matched this one. Without any clue, he summoned Bloody.

Lin Huang then pointed at the stone tablet. "I don't understand this rune."

Bloody floated to the stone tablet and observed it carefully. It only turned around after a while.

"This is a heart-glimpsing rune that can reflect a person's deepest fear. There's no need to decode it. All you'll have to do is activate it. As soon as you do that, the opponents that you encounter might be those that you're most afraid of encountering."

Lin Huang did not expect the Sorcerer Goddess Tower to throw him something completely different from the seventh and eighth levels.

"My deepest fear, huh?" Lin Huang frowned.

There were many opponents that he did not want to encounter such as the imperial-level king sea monsters that had demigod abilities, the misty monster made of a Virtual God's arms and those demigods who had attacked Mr. Fu... Any one of them could easily kill him.

If the heart-glimpsing rune could really summon those nightmares, he would definitely die. After a moment of silence, Lin Huang nodded eventually.

"I'll have to face them one day anyway. Activate it!"

Seeing that Lin Huang had made his decision, Bloody shared the activation rune with him. Without hesitation, he then stepped up to the stone tablet and drew the rune on it.

As the rune formed, a white glare lit up on the stone tablet and engulfed Lin Huang entirely. A while later, he shut his eyes like he was fast asleep.

Chapter 705: Lin Huang's Past

"Where's this place?"

Lin Huang looked around the vaguely familiar place that he was in. He was shocked when he realized where he was. It was an apartment with a room, a living room, a bathroom and a kitchen. The decoration in the apartment looked exactly the same as the one that he used to stay in two years ago before he traveled to another world. To be exact, it was his home before he left.

The hole that he had accidentally burnt with his cigarette after falling asleep was still on the couch in the living room. On the coffee table, there was a crack on the ashtray that had slipped when he was washing it. In the multipurpose cabinets under the television were the novels that he had collected. Lin Huang then rushed into the bedroom. The blanket was folded like he usually did on the bed, covering half of the bed. The pillowcase was the one with the dark blue night sky and stars that matched his quilt cover. His watch and keys were placed on the left side of his bed head beside the lamp. His jeans, t-shirt, underwear, and socks hung on the balcony outside his bedroom.

"I'm... back on Earth?" Lin Huang had a complicated expression as he glanced around. He had thought of many manifestations of his deepest fears that the heart-glimpsing rune would show him after activating it, but he did not expect to be brought back to Earth at all. Just as he was digesting everything, his mobile phone in pocket started vibrating. He had gotten used to the Emperor's Heart Ring for the past two years and had almost forgotten about the existence of mobile phones.

He took out his Fruit7 phone and realized that it was Xiao Wang who was calling. He did not know what to do. Should he pick up the call? Too much had happened in the past two years, and he could not really remember who this Xiao Wang was. He did not pick up the call as he held his phone in his hand. However, the

phone did not stop vibrating. This Xiao Wang guy sure was stubborn. Lin Huang thought about it and decided to pick up anyway.

"Xiao Wang, are you looking for me?" Lin Huang still had no idea who Xiao Wang was.

"Handsome, come drink with me tonight?" Listening to the voice and how he addressed him, Lin Huang recalled who the person was.

Xiao Wang's real name was Wang Zhi. He was his junior from the same university. He was a smart guy, and they worked together. After he became Lin Huang's junior at work, he started inviting Lin Huang out for drinks, spa, and massages as well as helping him at work every week. They became close after that, so it was natural that they would drink and eat together occasionally.

"I have something up today. Let's do that some other day," Lin Huang declined. After all, he had yet to recover his memory and would be exposed easily if he met someone who knew him.

"Oh, alright then. Go ahead with your stuff." Xiao Wang then hung up.

Lin Huang walked around the apartment. The kitchen and bathroom were still the same, and the floor mat in the bathroom was still wet. Even the trash in the kitchen was still there. He roughly remembered that it was how his home had looked like the day before he set off. He then looked at the date on his phone. It was 3rd June 2017, Saturday, which was the day he had left.

"So, I've gone back to the day I left?" Lin Huang looked at the time. It was 9.41 a.m.

"I remember peeking at the time before I left. It was 9.40 a.m. That means this is when I just left." Lin Huang could not understand why the heart-glimpsing rune had sent him here. There was nothing that he was terrified of on Earth as he had seen

too much on the other side throughout the years. Any transcendent-level monster could kill the entire human race if it was placed on Earth.

Lin Huang then returned to the living room and sat on the couch. He lit up a cigarette without any idea what was going to happen next. The silence only lasted for less than three minutes. The phone in his pocket started vibrating again. He was shocked when he saw who was calling. It was his mother who had passed away in a car accident when he was nine. He hesitated for a long time before finally picking up the call. A familiar voice came from the other side before he started speaking.

"Xiao Mu Tou, it's the weekend. Will you be home for lunch? I've made dumplings for you with chives and egg filling."

Xiao Mu Tou was Lin Huang's nickname. Her mother called his father Mu Tou, therefore when he was born, his father was called Da Mu Tou, and Xiao Mu Tou naturally became Lin Huang's nickname.

He could not move when he heard that voice. He had never imagined that he would hear his mother again. Dumpling with chives and egg filling was his favorite food when he was a kid. His mother would always make him dumplings whenever he got excellent results in his primary school.

"Hello, can you hear me? Why aren't you speaking?"

Lin Huang's tears started pouring.

"Mom... I miss you."

"What's wrong? Did someone bully you?" Although his mother did not hear him crying, she knew that something was wrong.

"No." Lin Huang calmed himself down and asked, "Is dad home?"

"Your dad is here. I'll get him to speak with you." His mother had no idea what happened as she passed the phone to his father.

"Son, what's wrong?" His father's energetic voice came from the other side. Lin Huang's tears proceeded to pour, but he managed to calm down.

"I'm alright, Dad... I'll be home for dumplings later."

"Oh, be safe on the road." His father reminded him.

As the phone went dead, Lin Huang started shaking and started crying. When he had been on Earth, his mother had passed away from a car accident when he was nine. His father became depressed since then and died of a heart attack when Lin Huang was 13. His grandmother took care of him until he graduated from high school and got into university. His grandmother passed away when he was halfway through university. He only managed to get through university with loans and by working part-time, which was why he was much more hardworking than others.

The Earth that he was sent to this time was not the Earth that was from, but it was a parallel world where his parents were still around. Speaking to his parents that he had lost when he was young made Lin Huang, who had been suppressing his emotions all along, to lose himself completely...

Chapter 706: I'm Back (In first person point of view)

"Mom and Dad are still alive..." I dropped onto the couch shaking, and my tears could not stop pouring. I finally calmed down after a while. It was past 10 a.m. when I rechecked the time. I stood up and went to the bathroom, peering at myself in the mirror. Besides my eyes that were slightly red, I looked perfectly normal. After washing my face with cold water, my mind was clearing up.

The heart-glimpsing rune was meant to bring one's deepest fear to life. Unlike an illusion, you could not get out of it. Just like a movie that was 100-minutes long, the story would go on without skipping any second. Once the heart-glimpsing rune was activated, the person would not be able to leave the movie as the main character and had to continue until it ended.

I knew that activating the rune was not a simple act. To be exact, it was a test of the human emotion. Since I could not leave, the only way was to go on with it. However, I had no idea what kind of test I was given and how I would pass the test. All I could do was to go with the flow and allow the story to develop.

"Xiao Hei?" I whispered, but nobody answered me.

"Xiao Hei!" I shouted. This time, I even attempted to contact Xiao Hei with my consciousness, but my message was as though it was drowning in quicksand without any response. I panicked when my reliable Goldfinger did not answer me. I tried looking into my body, but that did not work as well. I attempted to summon Bloody, Bai, and the rest but there was nothing.

"It can't be!" My heart skipped a beat as I knew that something was wrong. I tried using my Life Power, but I could not sense anything. The same happened with my Telekinesis. I could not summon my telekinetic flying daggers. My Sword Dao that was

already on level-5 could not be activated as well.

"Witchcraft..." With my last hope, I tried summoning the Book of Sorcerer Dao, but there was only nothing. My body felt like it was dead. I was now an average, helpless person.

This terrified me. I had never felt like this before even when I encountered the Virtual God's arm and the king sea monster as I knew I had everything under control. However, nothing was in my control now.

"I'll definitely die if the rune sends that king sea monster or the Virtual God's arm here now." That was my biggest concern. I had no idea what was in the rune script.

"Forget about it! Since I'm here, I'll just have to go with the flow." I let out a sigh and looked into the mirror. I was in a blur as the face looked unfamiliar to me now. After all, I had been in another body for the past two years. Perhaps because my body was different now, everything that I had on the other side was not here with me.

I shook my head to get the thoughts out of my head after staring at myself. I then walked out of the bathroom after adjusting my clothes. Hailing a cab after leaving the house, I headed to see my parents. I could not wait to see them after so many years. They were still young in my memory, but I had no idea how they looked like now since I was already a young man of 25.

Half an hour later, the cab stopped outside a small, old village. I had not been in this area for many years. My fear was boiling in the pit of my stomach...

As I stood at the entrance, my heart became full of complicated emotions again. Tears were flooding my eyes, and my heart was beating fast. I had no idea what I should say when I saw them. I could not expose myself. After taking two deep breaths, I calmed myself down and walked in with as much courage as I could muster.

A couple of minutes later, I arrived at our old home. The door was the new anti-theft door, but the couplet was still the same pair that I remembered.

'The grind of stone makes a mighty sword. The bitter cold gives fragrance to the cherry blossom.'

The streamer was 'Spring comes after winter'. I had written the couplet the year my grandmother passed away as a reminder for myself. However, I could recognize my handwriting; what I was seeing was not the one that I had written. It had been bought somewhere else. Memories were coming back to me as I stood there. I prepared what I was going to say before pressing the doorbell.

A moment later, the door opened, and a person stood in front of me. My mind became blank. Whatever I had prepared to say evaporated. All I could think about was the middle-aged man that was standing in front of me. Father had not really changed, but he had gained some weight, and his hair was now gray. I recognized him right away. Rooted to the spot, I attempted to speak, but I just could not. All I felt was tears welling in my eyes.

"Get your sh*t together!" I kept telling myself that I had to suppress my emotions.

"You're back." Father smiled as he looked at me, but he soon noticed that something was wrong.

"What's wrong?"

"Dad!" I snapped out of my own thoughts from the familiar voice. I tried to hold my tears back, but I could not help myself from going up to give my father a firm hug. The words just slipped out of my lips.

"Dad, I miss you."

"What's wrong, you silly boy?" Father was stunned. Although I was taller than him now, he patted my head anyway.

I let go of him after calming myself down.

"I'm alright. Where's Mom?"

"She's sorting the vegetables in the kitchen." Father looked at me skeptically.

I avoided eye contact with him and walked directly into the kitchen. Mother was wearing an apron and sorting vegetables while perched on a chair. She plucked the leaves from the stems and threw them into the plastic basket.

Noticing that there was someone at the kitchen entrance, she held her head up and looked at me.

"Oh, you're back?" Mother looked at me with a smile. She had lost weight, and there were wrinkles at the corner of her eyes. Although she was a little different from what I remembered, the memory was coming back.

"Mom." I calmed myself down and walked over to her. I squatted down and helped her with the sorting.

"Nevermind, I'll handle this. Go talk to your Granny." Mother said.

"Granny?" My hands stopped moving when I heard her.

"Where's she?"

"She's in her room watching TV. She has been watching this 'Fighter of the Destiny' and she's basically been stuck to the TV every day." Mother smiled while rolling her eyes.

"I'll go see her." I stood up immediately, not expecting Grandmother to still be alive in this world.

As I stood at her room door, I saw the old lady with gray hair on a wooden chair. She was staring at the TV, oblivious to my existence. My emotions were threatening to come up again although I could only see half of her face. She was the person who had brought me up since Father passed away. She took care of me

from 13 to 18 years of my age all by herself. Unfortunately, she passed away before I started working and never got even to enjoy her life.

My tears started pouring as I said, "Granny, I'm back."

Chapter 707: Let's Get Married (In first person point of view)

Ever since I started working, I have never expected what would it be like if my parents and Grandmother were still alive. I never thought that it would happen with the help of the heart-glimpsing rune. I could not resist the happiness in my heart. Although I knew this was not real, I indulged in it anyway. We had dumplings for lunch as a happy family, and I could not help but feel that this was bliss.

Although I lost myself in front of Granny, she did not dwell on it after I came up with an excuse. She was a smart lady, not even telling my parents about me crying in front of her. She also got me out of the awkward situation when Mother asked me about my red eyes at the table.

"I got Xiao Mu Tou to bring me my stuff, and something got into his eyes."

I stayed at my parents' place during the weekend, enjoying the family reunion that I had lost for 20 years in this familiar yet unfamiliar house. After dinner on Sunday, I hailed a cab and went back to my place. The two days brought back most of the memories of my job scope at work. On Monday morning, I went into my office early as I wanted to spend more time familiarizing with my work.

Since the heart-glimpsing rune's script was written this way, I had to go with it instead of quitting my job. As soon as one portion of the script went wrong, it would create a domino effect, and many uncontrollable things would be affected. Following the script gave me an idea of what the story was going to turn out like as well as the techniques to work with the flow. Things would become unpredictable if I changed the script on my own.

It was 7 a.m. I got to the office and found my seat immediately. It

took me a while to recall my computer password. After I logged into the computer, I looked at what had I been working on recently. Although it was unfamiliar, I got used to the computer soon and found my work list on a spreadsheet. I then started checking the documents following the list. When it was 7.40 a.m, Xiao Wang from our group had arrived. He greeted me as soon as he saw me.

"Bro Lin, you're here."

I nodded at him and proceeded with my work. There were six teams in the sales and marketing team. I was one of the team leaders, a supervisor with eight employees under my watch. After taking some time to familiarize with my work, I looked at the contact list for each department on the table and matched their names with their faces in my head.

After thorough preparation, I did not expose anything. Soon, one week had passed, and I had completely adapted to work. I went to see my parents during the weekends. As we had dinner on Saturday night, Mother came up with an awkward topic out of nowhere.

"Xiao Mu Tou, you aren't young anymore. You're already 25. It's time to get a girlfriend and think about marriage."

I was stunned to hear that, and this popped into my head: "Would marriage change the story?"

I smiled as I nodded.

"I want that too, but first, I'll need to find someone suitable."

"I heard about this lady that your Aunt Liu knows. She's half a year younger than you, and she's a newbie at work. She's pretty cute." Mother grinned.

"Are you interested in meeting her?"

"It depends if she wants to see me." I knew that Mother could not wait for me to get married.

"It's Sunday tomorrow. You can meet her tomorrow if you want." Mother clearly could not wait anymore.

"Alright then, I'll meet her." Lin Huang did not have any opinion on marriage. Since this was how the story developed, he thought he should see her anyway as it could be crucial to the story.

After agreeing to meet the lady, Mother called Aunt Liu without even doing the dishes after dinner. The lady agreed to meet us as well. The next morning, I arrived at the cafe that we were meeting 20 minutes earlier. I waited patiently after ordering a cup of coffee. We had agreed to meet at 9 a.m. I saw a familiar person walking towards the cafe when it was 8.50 a.m.

The girl wore a white short-sleeved shirt with a pair of jeans. She had a ponytail and sunglasses that covered half of her face. She carried a khaki brown handbag, and I found her attire refreshing during the summer season. I was just as shocked as she was when she saw me upon entering the cafe. She hesitated before walking towards me as she took off her sunglasses.

"Long time no see..." I did not expect to see the girl that I once wanted to kiss and had allowed me to.

"I didn't expect to see you as well." Zhang Yan sat down. Silence came between the both of us. I had no idea what to say while she seemed to be awkward as well.

"When did you come back?" I decided to break the ice with a safe topic.

"I just came back a month ago." Zhang Yan peeked at me secretly from under her glasses

"Yanyan... Let's get married." I did not know how that slipped out of my lips, but I really did not want to let go of the girl that I had spent almost two years with. If I had to marry someone on Earth, she would be the perfect girl.

Zhang Yan became silent again as she seemed to be hesitating.

"I'll spend more time with you at home. I'll try to decline unnecessary entertainment." I knew very well why had she left me.

"You promise?" Zhang Yan's eyes lit up.

"I promise!" I nodded hard.

"Promise me. We'll get married, have two kids, and grow old with them."

Zhang Yan giggled as she covered her mouth. "You're still so silly."

"Promise me, okay?" I looked at her passionately. I had never wanted to spend my life with a person as much as this before.

"You didn't even get a ring! Hmph!" Zhang Yan pouted and looked away.

"Erm, I didn't know that I would propose today..." I panicked and stood up immediately. "You wait here. I'll go buy one!"

"Buy what?"

"The ring!"

"Do you think I'll say yes if you buy the ring?" Zhang Yan smirked.

"You..." I was stunned, but I caught her mischievous expression.

"I don't care. I'll buy it even if you say no! If you don't say yes today, I'll ask you again tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, and the day after that. I'll propose to you every day!"

"You sure you want to stick with me for the rest of your life?" Zhang Yan smiled.

"I'm sure. I know you're the one," I said in all seriousness.

"Then... I do." Light shone in her eyes as she recollected our beautiful memories.

Chapter 708: My Life (In first person point of view)

I decided to make up to my regrets since it was a test from the heart-glimpsing rune. I knew how devastated I was when my parents and Granny passed away, not to mention breaking up with Zhang Yan. Those were the reasons for my lack of confidence. I could only set myself free if I completely got over it, so I decided to follow my heart and propose to Zhang Yan.

My parents did not expect me to marry Zhang Yan as they thought it was our first time meeting each other. My parents and Granny had passed away when I started dating Zhang Yan, so they did not get to meet her. In this parallel world, perhaps the heart-glimpsing altered my memories when it was writing the script because Zhang Yan had never met my parents. After informing them that we had been dating for two years, they realized that our wanting to get married was not a hasty decision.

After they met each other, the wedding date was soon decided. It was the 7th of July, the Chinese Valentine's day. The wedding was well prepared to be held two and a half months later. Time passed by quickly, and soon it was the big day. Zhang Yan wore a white wedding dress like an elegant swan among everyone else. Fortunately, I was not a toad. If I may say so, I looked like a black swan in a black suit.

We exchanged rings in the presence of our friends and families as witnesses. I felt a great sense of achievement as I put the wedding band on her beautiful ring finger. During our two years of dating, I had considered spending my life with this girl more than twice. I did not expect that my dream would come true with the heart-glimpsing rune. My parents and Granny were still alive, I was married to the love of my life, and I had no regrets in my life.

However, I was well aware that I was still in a story. It had been

going too smoothly; it was almost perfect. Until now, I had no idea what the heart-glimpsing rune test was about. At the end of the night, Zhang Yan and I went back to our wedding room after sending our friends and families off. As we turned off the light, the bright moonlight glowed on the bed through the balcony sliding door. My heart almost stopped beating when I saw Zhang Yan taking off her clothes under the moonlight.

Her skin was as fair as snow, and she looked like she was glowing. I was utterly indulging in the moment, forgetting everything about the heart-glimpsing rune...

On the second morning, I felt like I had forgotten something when I woke up from the bed. I could not recall anything, but I had a terrible headache from a hangover as well as an unrealistic sense of reality.

"Lin Zhi, come drink this honey ginger tea." Zhang Yan brought a glass over. I took the cup and had a sip, smirking when I look at her.

"I think you should call me something else now, wife?"

Zhang Yan blushed as she bent down and looked into my eyes.

"Okay, my husband!"

"Come, kiss your husband now," I teased and got closer to her.

"No, you haven't washed your face." Zhang Yan pouted like she was disgusted with me.

"Oh no, my head is hurting." I pretended.

"Drink this. It'll help with your hangover." Zhang Yan knew how bad hangovers made me feel.

"I'll drink it if you kiss me," I insisted playfully.

As soon as her warm lips touched my face, she stood up and looked at me angrily.

"Finish it, don't leave a single drop behind!"

"Alright, my wife." I finished the drink once and for all. I even licked the last few drops at the bottom of the cup.

"I think I'll need to sterilize the cup..." Zhang Yang pretended to be repelled as she picked up the cup with two fingers and left to the kitchen.

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We entered our honeymoon period. Since we had dated for two years, we knew each other so well that we could understand each other just with a single glance. I completely indulged myself in this sweet life, losing all semblance of what was real and what was fake anymore.

I had even forgotten about Xiao Hei, Bai, Charcoal, Tyrant...

I had forgotten about Life Power, Sword Skill, Telekinesis, Witchcraft...

I had forgotten that my parents and Granny had left me...

When I woke up every morning, I would feel that something was missing, but I could not put a finger on what that was. Three months into our marriage, Zhang Yan got pregnant. I stopped fretting about what was missing. The happiness of fatherhood occupied my heart, my head, and even my soul.

Zhang Yan gave birth to a son when she was nine months pregnant. Our creation of love made us even happier than ever. It was challenging to bring a child up, but we managed to get through it. To be exact, there was more happiness than pain. My wife was pregnant again when our son was almost one. It was a daughter this time. Our kids grew up, and our life was finally much more relaxed when they went to kindergarten.

I got promoted and became the department manager while my wife started working again. Our life was getting better day by day. The only bad news that I had was that Granny passed away. On the day she passed away, some unsettling images flashed vaguely

through my head. However, the images disappeared immediately, so I did not figure them out.

Time was passing by swiftly, and our kids grew up from kindergarten, primary school, junior high, high school, and university. My wife and I had finally completed our role in bringing our kids up. They then started working, and we did not have to worry about them anymore. It was then that I realized that time had flown by. My wife and I were old. Our hair was getting gray...

Father passed away the day our son got married. There was an odd image that flashed in my head again, but it disappeared quickly. I did not manage to figure out what it was. Our daughter got married later on, and we soon had grandkids, followed by Mother passing away...

Although our life was getting better, my wife and I were getting older day by day. She passed away when she was 87. Our marriage lasted for 62 years, but our love could not fight the fate of life...

Many images flashed in my head the day she passed away, but I was drowning in the pain of losing her and treated those images as ridiculous hallucinations. Losing a person that you have spent 62 years with was like your soul being wrenched away, and you felt completely alone...

After my wife passed away, my health went downhill. I would dream of my wife whenever I closed my eyes. Not sure if I was not feeling well, I was eating less, and I was becoming weaker.

Although my kids tried to help me, I could not stop time from making me older. I woke up from a coma on the hospital bed, and I had an oxygen mask on my face. I knew I did not have much time left.

"Dad..." My son's eyes were red, and I knew he had been crying.

My daughter was holding my hand.

"Dad, are you trying to tell us something?"

I tried my very best to nod. The tiniest movement made me tired. Taking the oxygen mask off, they came closer to me.

"Dad, speak to us. We're listening."

I tried my very best to speak, but my voice was low and weak.

"I have... no regrets... in this life..."

After saying that, I felt like I had lost all my strength. As I stared at the white hospital ceiling, I felt my body was drowning as though I was falling somewhere.

"I think I forgot something. What's that?" Suddenly, an odd thought came into my head. I was trying to think about what I had overlooked.

I heard my son and daughter sobbing in the hospital room as well as somebody else wailing. However, the sound was getting further away like it was being isolated. Images started flashing through my head. My father opening the door for me, Mother sorting our vegetables in the kitchen, Granny watching TV in the room, my wife's fair skin under the moonlight...

Wait, why were those memories starting from when I was 25? What had happened to my memories before that? I thought that it was odd. Suddenly, another reel of images started playing. It was a rainy night when I was 9 and completing my homework in the house. The phone was ringing. My father ran out of the house like a lunatic after answering the phone without bringing an umbrella with him. He looked devastated when he got home. I only found out from my Granny that Mother was not coming back the next day.

When I was 13, I went to junior high. My class teacher called me when I was revising at school.

"Lin Huang, something's happened to your dad. Let me send you home."

Granny was crying when I got home. I kept asking my class teacher what had happened and soon found out that my father had a heart attack. It was too late when he was sent to the hospital. When I was 19, and at school, I got a phone call from my aunt saying that Granny had passed away... When I was 24, Zhang Yan called and broke up with me...

I was doubtful that of all these images that were completely different from the reality I had been living in.

"Where did all these memories come from?! Why is the timeline wrong?"

My body was getting heavier as images looped in my head like a movie. Every detail was clear from the beginning to the end.

Just when I felt like I was falling into an abyss, a subtly familiar name flashed in my head.

"Xiao Hei?"

As the name came up, more and more names appeared in my mind.

"Bai, Charcoal, Tyrant, Kylie..."

"Oh yeah, my name is Lin Huang. I've Life Power in me. I also have Telekinesis and Witchcraft. I know the Sword Skill and flying daggers. I can also summon monsters... I'm now in a virtual world that the heart-glimpsing rune has created!"

As that thought came to me starkly, the feeling of falling completely disappeared. There was a bright light ahead, and the dark world started to shatter. A moment later, my consciousness returned to my body. I realized that I was standing in front of a stone tablet. A golden glow shot out of the stone tablet and went in between my eyebrows.

Chapter 709: The Sorcerer Goddess Shrine

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Lin Huang looked lost as he stood before the stone tablet. The effect of the heart-glimpsing rune felt like he had just been given an opportunity to relive his life. He had been aware in the beginning and kept reminding himself that it was a virtual world that the heart-glimpsing rune had created. However, he completely fell for it on the night he and Zhang Yan got married. He forgot about what had happened in reality and could not pull himself together as he drowned himself in the virtual world.

As his family passed away one by one, the truth was revealing itself but was soon covered by the heart-glimpsing rune quickly. The death of Zhang Yan was actually the best time for him to break free from the heart-glimpsing rune. However, he had been in too much pain that he thought the images that flashed through his mind were just some hallucinations as a result of not resting. He realized that he was trapped in the world that the heart-glimpsing rune created when he realized that he had no recollection of his memories before the age of 25 when he was dying.

Those realistic memories were a paradox to prove that the virtual world was not real. When Lin Huang realized that, the virtual world started to crash in, revealing the true reality that Lin Huang was in.

"Was I in the dream or was the dream in me?" Lin Huang forced a grim smile. The heart-glimpsing rune was terrifying. The script that it had written for him was the kind of life that he had been dreaming of on Earth, a life without any regrets. He had fallen for it completely and almost lost himself.

"You passed?!" The large face was shocked. "I've always thought that no matter how powerful you are, you'd definitely fail this."

"The heart-glimpsing rune is really scary. I fell for it without

even realizing it." Lin Huang had goosebumps as he thought about it. The soft approach from the heart-glimpsing rune was much more terrifying than powerful monsters as one would fall into the trap without even knowing.

"Do you know that nobody has ever broken through the ninth level of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower since the tower was built? Nobody in our epoch could do it," the face told Lin Huang truthfully.

"The Sorcerer Goddess herself wrote this heart-glimpsing rune on the ninth level, not only does it reflect a person's deepest fear, but also their greatest regrets. As soon as the rune is activated, nobody can get out from the trap. Well, you're the first one who has ever gotten out of it."

"Actually, I fell into the trap too..." Lin Huang moved his lips, but he did not say that out loud. He then smiled forcefully while shaking his head and changed the topic.

"I was told that once a person passes the test on the ninth level, the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine will be activated? And that I'll also get a reward from the Sorcerer Goddess?"

"Yes, you might be able to obtain the Sorcerer Goddess inheritance as well," the face added.

"If you manage to obtain the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance, you might help us to get out of here."

"But the world will perish from the monsters coming out of the abyss, so wouldn't it be more dangerous for you guys to leave this place?"

"You might not understand that freedom is more important than life to us. We've been trapped here for more than 30,000 years. We're always looking out at a piece of land with snow," the huge face sighed as he said.

"Not everyone has the patience to stand the loneliness of 30,000

years. Some people decided to kill themselves, and some went crazy while others started wars..."

Lin Huang became silent and only spoke again a while later.

"I understand now, so what should I do next?"

"The golden glow that went in between your eyebrows was the key to the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. As soon as you insert your energy into the key, you'll activate the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine," the face continued, "But I hope that you don't activate it now. Give us a day or two to prepare ourselves and activate it after that."

"Why?" Lin Huang could not understand. He did not have much time left there, so it made sense for him to want to activate the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine earlier to get his reward.

"As soon as the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine is activated, it'll be open to the public for ten days. According to their combat levels, all of the holy fire-and immortal-levels will come in. We hope that you only activate it after we've prepared ourselves so that we can enter right away without wasting any time." The gigantic face requested in embarrassment. "Then again, of course, you can activate it if you're in a rush."

"Since it doesn't really make any difference as it'll be open to the public after activation, I'll wait two days." Lin Huang thought it was necessary to decline his request, but he had his doubts.

"Since anybody can enter the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine after it's activated, does that mean that it doesn't matter who holds the key?"

"Of course, it's different. The person with the key will be sent directly into the shrine to pick a Sorcerer Goddess's treasure of the person's choice as well as to look at the Sorcerer Goddess tablet. Not only that, the person will be able to control some of the doors in the shrine while the rest will have to enter from the entrance."

"Alright, I understand now. Prepare yourself as well as you can

within the next two days and inform me once you guys are ready. Then, I'll activate the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine." Lin Huang nodded since Bai Gu, and the rest had taken such good care of him during his visit.

"Thanks, I'll inform the leader. You can practice on this level within these two days. We'll inform you as soon as we're ready." The face was glad to find out that Lin Huang was a grateful person.

As the large face disappeared, Lin Huang sat down with his legs crossed on the ninth level of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower. The thick spirit energy had accelerated his Army Attack Tactics rotation in his body, so he focused on that since he had nothing to do for the next two days. The rotation speed was tens of times faster than before. If the speed had been like a flowing stream before, it was now like an angry, flushing river. His collection of skill card pieces accelerated at a pace that could be seen with the naked eye.

Meanwhile, the face had contacted Bai Gu outside the Sorcerer Goddess Tower.

"You mean the young man really passed the test on the ninth level of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower?" Bai Gu was shocked to find out about that. He did not expect that to happen at all. He thought he would just let Lin Huang try to break through the Sorcerer Goddess Tower and had never expected him to get beyond the third level and above. However, Lin Huang was a living miracle who managed to pass through again and again. To be honest, he was surprised to discover that Lin Huang had broken through the seventh level, but he did not expect the young man to go all the way to the ninth level. Now, he had even broken through the ninth level which was out of everyone's expectations.

"I saw the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine key go in between his eyebrows with my own eyes. It has to be real." The gigantic face was sure of it.

"He's agreed to give us two days to prepare. Should we inform the

other tribes? They'll realize something's happening if we don't move quickly.

"The Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine being activated is something huge. There's no way that we can hide it. It doesn't matter if we enter the shrine one or two days before the others do. They'll lose hope in us if we do that. Let's just inform them and work together. If they want to fight, then we shall entertain them. It's not like we've never done that before since we've been here tens of thousands of years." Although Bai Gu nonchalantly said that, he still sounded upset.

"I'm afraid this Lin Huang kid might be targeted by many. We'll have to try our best to protect him..."

Chapter 710: The Opening of Sorcerer Goddess Shrine

Soon, two days passed. Lin Huang had been practicing his Army Attack Tactics throughout the two days. The spirit energy on the ninth level of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower was hundreds of times thicker than the outside. The regular one hour of practice would get him more than 3,000 skill card pieces, but now that the speed of rotation was more than 20 times faster in the tower, he could get 80,000 skill card pieces in an hour.

Having practiced the Army Attack Tactics besides eating and sleeping for those two days, he obtained more than 2.4 million card pieces, but he was still far away from obtaining 10 million card pieces to get to level 10 of the skill. If it were not for the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine, he would rather start there until he broke through to level 10.

However, the large face appeared on the morning of the third day.

"Hi, Lin, we're ready now. You can activate the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine anytime you want. To avoid trouble, we didn't tell anyone about your identity. We've even used a unique way to spread the news whereby no other tribe will know where this news is coming from. Nobody knows that you're the one who's going to enter the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine and nobody knows that you've broken through the ninth level of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower and are holding the key with you. However, to be honest, you might be in trouble as you've managed to get into the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine with your current combat level, so we're suggesting you that you try your best to sneak out as soon you've taken your reward from the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine."

"Thanks for reminding me, Sir. I'll know what to do." Lin Huang nodded.

As the gigantic face disappeared, a golden token floated out of his head. The token was as large as half a fist with a carving of a lady in a dress standing sideways on top of a giant rock. There was an odd Witchcraft Rune at the back of it with complicated rune lines. There were some lines that he had never seen before. He could not tell what the effect of the rune was. The token was naturally the key to the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine.

The instruction flooded into his head as he thought of it. He then inserted his Life Power into the token slowly. Soon, the token expanded into a golden whirlpool that was three meters in diameter. Without hesitation, Lin Huang stepped into the whirlpool. The whirlpool disappeared as soon as he stepped into it. The face appeared slowly on the ninth level of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower and looked at the direction of the golden whirlpool.

As he appeared, a tall and skinny person stood next to him.

"Hopefully, this kid can leave this place alive..." The face looked concerned.

"How far he'll go depends on him. Whether he'll die, escape alive, or obtain the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance..." Bai Gu said slowly.

"Leader, do you think that he'll obtain the Sorcerer Goddess inheritance?" The large face was surprised.

"I don't know about that, but I know that the force is with him and he might be able to change the fate of the new epoch." Bai Gu gazed at the direction of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine.

"You looked into his future?" The gigantic face asked immediately.

"I tried, but I couldn't see anything. He might have a relic with him or something else that's even more powerful than that and can't be penetrated." Bai Gu still remembered the day his investigation stopped and when his soul was almost harmed as a

result.

"If he really had such treasure with him, he should be able to protect himself," the face sighed.

"But would it be a good thing for the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance to fall into the hands of an outsider?"

Bai Gu then looked at the gigantic face. "The Sorcerer Goddess decided to leave her inheritance here, and she wouldn't mind who inherits it. To us, it's good news as long as it doesn't fall into those lunatics' hands."

"It's the first time the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine is being activated for the past tens of thousands of years. Those lunatics would definitely go for the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance." The face viewed the matter negatively. "If they manage to get that, they'll definitely come for us."

"Don't be such a pessimist. There'll be so many of us. We don't know who'll last until the end," Bai Gu said.

Suddenly, a white glow shot into the sky. The entire floating land started shaking. Bai Gu and the gigantic face looked at the direction of the light pillar. In reality, besides Bai Gu and the face, all the living things on the floating land sensed the source of the light. Although those who were far away could not see the light pillar, they peered at the direction like a large-scale worshipping was going on.

All the human teams who entered the floating land felt the tremendous phenomenon.

"Must be something good! Let's go!"

"It must be. Let's get there as soon as we can before everyone else does!"

"There must be wealth at risk. Let's just bet our lives on it!"

The human teams, who had no idea about the existence of the

Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine, joined the adventure. The floating land became crowded. Thousands of beings surrounded the light pillar that was in the middle of the floating island including different types of toys, rotten samples, corpses, and humans. If Lin Huang had been there, he would recognize that he had met most of the people there as they were the two teams from the Union Government as well as the team from Dynasty.

However, the tribes were not surprised by their existence. They did not even bother to look at them.

"The Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine is really open!" A scary, middle-aged man looked at the light pillar and mumbled to himself. As the light pillar was disappearing, the ground was shaking even more like something was going to burst out of the ground.

Sensing that, almost everyone retreated hundreds of meters away while waiting for what would emerge out of the ground patiently. Time passed by, and the land that was covered in snow collapsed while a gigantic building made of ice crystals surfaced from the ground and floated hundreds of meters from the ground. It was a massive shrine! Following the sudden and bizarre emergence of the shrine, the wind and the snow stopped completely while the thick clouds faded away, revealing sunshine that had not appeared in a long time.

Chapter 711: Sorcerer Goddess Blood

Lin Huang appeared in a shrine when he walked out of the golden whirlpool. It was crystal white around him with gusts of chilly wind all around.

"Is this ice crystal?" He could not help but touch a pillar near him. A striking chill blasted out of the pillar, confirming his speculation.

The shrine seemed to be made of the frost attribute and was probably created by powerful people. Added with the powerful Witchcraft Rune as well as a long period of cultivation, this shrine was as powerful as a god relic. Just as Lin Huang managed to find his footing, the ground started to shake. His feet detached from the ground and floated tens of centimeters off ground. The trembling continued, but that did not affect him anymore. He ignored it and started to observe the area around him

This shrine was made of compressed ice crystals. There were countless Witchcraft Runes carved on the walls, pillars, ceiling, and even on the ground. Lin Huang was dizzy from just looking at them. However, he noticed that the dozen ice crystal cases were arranged in circle. Just when he wanted to check them out, a familiar female voice was heard.

"As a challenger who's broken through the ninth level of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower, you can pick any of the treasures as your reward."

Lin Huang was shocked to hear that as the voice sounded familiar. He looked at the source of voice and saw a lady in a white dress appearing from thin air. She looked like she was only 20 years young. She was short at only 160 centimeters with black waist-length hair. She wore a white dress and was barefooted. She had a face as pretty as a porcelain doll with skin as white as snow. She was flawless.

"Who are you?" Lin Huang asked carefully. Although the lady was beautiful, her appearance was rather strange.

"Don't you recognize my voice?" The lady smiled mischievously at Lin Huang.

"Your voice..." Lin Huang was stunned as he recalled that it was the voice who had explained the instructions whenever his consciousness was taken out of the tower.

"You're the person who explained the rules on the Sorcerer Goddess Tower?"

"Yes, that's me. My name is Wu Mo, but this is only my consciousness as I'm dead," Wu Mo said in a sad but composed manner.

Looking at the barefooted lady in white, Lin Huang thought of something and summoned the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine key. He then compared the lady that was carved on the token and looked at Wu Mo.

"You're the owner of the Sorcerer Goddess Shrine?" Lin Huang was shocked.

The side profile of the lady carved on the token looked exactly the same as the lady standing in front of him.

"Busted." Wu Mo smiled without confirming her identity.

Of course, Lin Huang knew that the owner of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine was the Sorcerer Goddess herself. Wu Mo was the True God who had moved this piece of land into the sky above the Peaceful Ocean 30,000 years ago.

Lin Huang had his own idea of how a True God in the middle epoch would look like, but he did not expect her to appear as the 20-year-old lady standing in front of him. She did not look like she had the power of a god. In fact, she seemed more like a cute, mischievous person.

"Master Sorcerer Goddess..." Lin Huang did not dare to be rude after confirming her identity. Although it was just her consciousness, killing him would only need a flick of her finger.

"I hate people calling me Master. That makes me sound old. You can call me Momo. All of my friends used to call me that." Wu Mo did not sound like a True God at all.

"I don't think that's proper. You're a Master after all," Lin Huang answered shyly.

"It's just an address. Don't take it so seriously."

"If you think that it's rude to call me by my name, you can call me Sis Momo then."

"Alright then." Since she insisted, Lin Huang decided to go with it.

"Sis Momo, did you say that I can pick any one of the treasures that I like here?"

"Yes, all 12 items in the shrine are god-level treasures. Because you've broken through the ninth level on the Sorcerer Goddess Tower, you can pick any one of them as your reward." Wu Mo nodded.

"Sis Momo, do you have any suggestion?" Lin Huang was playing it smart.

"I can't do that, you'll have to decide yourself." Wu Mo shook her head and stayed silent.

Feeling helpless, Lin Huang walked to the cases and looked carefully at the items one by one.

Suddenly, Xiao Hei spoke, "Pick the blood of the True God!"

Lin Huang was surprised to hear its comment. He walked around but did not see any liquid blood in any of the cases, so he contacted Xiao Hei in his mind.

"I don't see it."

"The purplish-gold crystal that's the size of a fist."

Lin Huang turned around and looked at the irregular crystal that he had seen earlier. He walked slowly to the case and observed it before he then contacted Xiao Hei once again.

"This looks more like a piece of mineral. Shouldn't blood be in liquid form? Or is the blood hiding in the mineral?"

"Not that it's hiding inside. The entire crystal is the blood of the True God. As soon as the blood gets out of the body, it solidifies into a crystal."

"Are you sure about that?" Lin Huang was still skeptical.

"I'll remove myself from you and get you a better Goldfinger if I'm wrong."

"Oh, alright then. I trust you." Lin Huang stopped doubting after hearing what Xiao Hei said.

"Don't you want to seize this opportunity to get a better Goldfinger? You won't have the opportunity again if you miss this one. I suggest that you consider it. There're many Goldfingers that are more powerful than me. Some of them can be upgraded after killing a couple of Swine Beasts, while some of them are powerful since the beginning where even an ordinary person will be able to slap a god to death..."

"Never mind, I've gotten used to you." Lin Huang scratched his nose to cover the white lie that he had just told.

"Alright then, I was messing with you. In reality, no traveller can change the Goldfinger that they're assigned. Also, God is an existence from the level-3 of the life level. Stop using your limited brain capacity to craft how a higher life should look like."

Lin Huang was speechless.

"Have you picked one?" Wu Mo was curious as she watched Lin Huang standing before the purplish-gold crystal without moving.

"Yes, I'm picking this one." Lin Huang nodded and pointed at the crystal.

"Are you sure?" Wu Mo asked.

"Yes!"

"Alright then, as you wish!" Wu Mo said and placed her palm on top of the case.

The case that was sealed with ice broke as Wu Mo caught the fist-size purplish-gold crystal in her hand. She then flicked it into Lin Huang's chest.

Chapter 712: The Conditions to Enter the Sorcerer Goddess Shrine

"You've obtained the blood of the True God. Would you like to turn it into a card?"

"Will this thing be restricted after it becomes a card due to my combat level?" Lin Huang asked immediately.

"Yes, the card will be sealed immediately."

"Then, I shan't make it into a card at the moment." Lin Huang then looked at Wu Mo after declining Xiao Hei's request.

"Sis Momo, I understand that I'll obtain your inheritance here besides the reward, won't I?"

"That's right, but my inheritance isn't that easy to get." Wu Mo cunningly grinned at Lin Huang.

"I'll give it a try whether I can get it or not. I might be able to get it." Lin Huang smiled back.

"Follow me," Wu Mo said and left. Lin Huang caught up to her immediately. After walking not far away, he saw a familiar charcoal grey stone tablet. It looked exactly like the one at the Sorcerer Goddess Tower.

Wu Mo pointed at the stone tablet and looked at Lin Huang as they stood before it.

"You know what you need to do."

It was a sealing rune that was made of complicated rune lines that Lin Huang recognized immediately.

Wu Mo spoke again as he was ready to decode the rune, "This is a Ten Thousand Sealing Rune. Over time after you decode it, there'll be a new sealing rune which appears. It'll only be decoded entirely after 10,000 times. If you fail in the middle, you'll have to start

from the beginning again. It'll be a completely new set of runes that are different from what you've decoded before, so it's best if you go through it once instead of doing it all over again.

"Also, you're only given 30 seconds to decode each rune. You'll have to start over again if you take more than that. As soon as you decode each rune within 30 seconds, the new rune will appear instead of waiting for the 30 seconds to be up."

Wu Mo added after she was done with the conditions, "You can get your little pet monster to help. It's allowed since your summoning monsters are also one of your abilities."

It was clear that Wu Mo had already seen Bloody at the Sorcerer Goddess Tower. There was nothing that Lin Huang should hide, so he summoned Bloody immediately.

"Let me try first. I'll ask for your help if I can't manage to do it," Lin Huang said to Bloody. Bloody looked at Wu Mo who was standing aside without saying anything. It nodded, then wrapped itself around his left wrist while Lin Huang started drawing the decoding rune on the stone tablet with his right hand.

He completed the first decoding rune successfully in less than 20 seconds. As the first sealing rune faded away, the second one appeared automatically. Now Lin Huang knew that what Wu Mo had said about the Ten Thousand Sealing Runes was real as the second sealing rune appeared immediately. Just as soon as he managed to decode the second one in 22 seconds, the third one appeared.

Lin Huang decoded them one by one patiently and carefully since a single error in stroke would break the entire rune. Time was passing by in the Sorcerer Goddess Shrine, but he had no idea what was happening outside. Even if he did, he did not have the time to do anything about it.

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A female voice was heard as the Sorcerer Goddess Shrine drifted into the air and the shaking stopped. All of the people below heard her crystal-clear.

"The Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine welcomes all holy fire-and immortal-levels to enter. Those whose combat level don't qualify will be killed without mercy if you come in by force! Those who are hiding or suppressing your combat level can try if you're not afraid to die."

Many of the tribal members turned around and fled as they were afraid to become targets while some of them stood where they were without moving.

"Those who are qualified to come in may enter the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine after I'm done explaining the conditions of the assessments.

"There are a dozen external shrines around the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine with an assessment each. You'll only be able to go to the next one after you've passed the assessment. All challengers who pass the 12 external shrines are eligible to enter.

"There're 12 god-level treasures inside. Besides the one that was taken away by the activator of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine, the remaining 11 will be randomly given out to those who manage to break through the 12 external shrines. If more than 11 people pass, the one who comes later won't receive any of the treasures. That being said, only the first 11 who breakthrough will be rewarded with the treasure."

Many people became excited when they heard about the treasure, but they proceeded to listen patiently. After all, it was the first time the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine was open, so nobody knew what the conditions of entering were. It would be a pity if any of them accidentally broke the conditions and were disqualified.

"There's something that I must emphasize here. No fighting is allowed in the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. Nobody is allowed to use

any techniques to interrupt anybody. Whoever picks a fight or interferes will be disqualified immediately. Besides being sent out of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine, the treasure will be confiscated, and the troublemaker will be blacklisted from the entering the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine forever. If the person tries to enter the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine again, he will be killed without mercy!"

Although fighting was harshly punishable in there, it also meant that they were allowed to fight outside. Many of them managed to read between the lines. Those who planned to rob treasures from others had to come up with another plan.

"The Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine will be opened for ten days. Throughout this period, all of the people who qualify may enter and exit the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine as they wish. The shrine will be closed ten days later. Everyone, including the activator, will be sent out of the shrine no matter which level they are on.

"If anybody manages to get the Sorcerer Goddess inheritance within ten days, the person will have the right to handle the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine whereby he or she will have the right to decide whether to close the shrine and send everyone out..."

Wu Mo read out the conditions to everyone clearly although she was nowhere to be seen. After that, she answered everyone's questions one by one and eventually announced, "The Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine is officially open. All those of you who are qualified to come in may enter the door to the first shrine to join the assessment!"

As Wu Mo said that, thousands of people thronged the entrance of the first shrine like a swarm of locusts.

Chapter 713: The Challenge Has Begun!

As the challengers entered the first shrine, they soon realized that they were not inside a shrine, but it was more like they were being sent to a corner of the ruins. There was snow everywhere, and the place seemed to be an endless sprawl of white while heavy snow fell from above. Many of them were stunned, but they soon realized that instead of having been sent somewhere, it was, in fact, the first shrine of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. They did not care whether it was an illusion or if the space was imbued with special effects as the most important thing was the content of the assessment.

As soon as the 4,000-odd people entered, Wu Mo's voice came from above again.

"Welcome to the first level of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine! Since the first batch has arrived, let me explain what this level is going to be like.

"In this level, you'll be tested on your personal ability. There'll be a monster horde soon in which the least powerful creature will be an immortal-level rank-1 and the most powerful will be an imperial-level black gold-level."

"There are three conditions to passing the level. The first is to survive the monster horde. The second is to kill 5,000 monsters in the ten hours, and the last one will be to kill ten imperial-level black gold-rank monsters in the ten hours. You'll have to fulfill all three conditions to pass the level. Those who fail will be sent out of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine and won't be allowed in anymore.

"You're allowed to work together with the others on this level, but the number of monsters killed will be calculated individually. The person who manages to kill the monsters eventually will be considered the killer. No matter how much damage you've done to the targeted monsters, the tally won't belong to you as long as

you're not the one who killed the monster."

Everyone was excited to hear that they could work together, but they became upset when they heard the last rule. According to the method of calculation, there would definitely be conflict among the teams as everyone would want to be the last who killed the monster. Those who failed to do so would be bumped off. As long as there was conflict among the teams, the possibility of being disqualified was high.

After all, since they would have to kill 5,000 monsters in ten hours, that would mean that everyone would have to kill a monster in 7.2 seconds on average. A couple of minutes of conflict would affect their efficiency significantly. Therefore, the teams had to plan among themselves properly before the assessment started to prevent any friction happening.

"Don't be afraid. Don't worry that you'll die in this assessment. This is just a space for your consciousness. Your consciousness will return to your body after you die," Wu Mo reminded.

"That's all from me. You can ask whatever questions that you may have now before the assessment starts."

Among the crowd, a man in a Union Government military uniform raised his hand.

"If I managed to kill 5,000 monsters and ten imperial-level monsters before the ten hours ends, will I be exempted from the first condition and head to the second shrine right away?"

"No, you'll have to fulfill all three conditions to pass the level."

This time, a member of the Dynasty spoke. Up, "Since this level is restricted to ten hours, that means that everyone who passes will be sent to the second shrine after the ten hours has passed without any difference in time. I'd like to know if there'll be many levels with time restrictions like this. If yes, doesn't that mean it'll be difficult to have any time difference between each challenger?"

"Including the first level, there are only two levels that have a time restriction, so as long as you have sufficient ability, you don't have to worry about the time difference."

A couple of people asked their questions after that, and Wu Mo answered them one by one.

"Alright, if there are no more questions, you guys may start the assessment now."

As Wu Mo said that, the monster horde advanced from far away. Apart from some of them, most of the challengers teamed up with people that they were familiar with. It was a monster horde after all, and besides some of the powerful people, it was hard for the rest to survive on their own. Teaming up would increase their survival rate.

However, the conflict started after the teams were formed.

"There are five of us. The efficiency will be poor if we take turns to kill one at a time. So, do the remaining four just watch while one person kills the monsters? I think this is such a waste of time!"

"What do you suggest? Help one person to kill all 5,000 monsters and the next person will continue after that? If that's the case, do you think the person who has fulfilled the mission will have the strength to help the next person? We only have ten hours. It's possible for the first four people to complete the mission within the time limit, but what about the fifth person? Who can guarantee that the fifth person will fulfill the condition? And who is willing to be the fifth person?"

Everyone on the team became silent as nobody was willing to be the last person.

A moment later, a person put up his hand and suggested, "Why don't each of us kill a hundred. The next person will go after the first person fulfills the 100 kills? This way, the last two people will be left with 100 monsters each, so it doesn't really matter who goes

last anymore."

Everyone supported this suggestion, and many teams carried out the same strategy to minimize the conflict. Soon, the first monster horde finally arrived. Millions of monsters dashed towards them. They were mostly blue frost corpses on immortal-levels rank-1 to rank-3. Although there were many monsters in this round of horde, the combat level of the monsters was considered low. However, everybody knew that the next horde would have more powerful monsters.

"Since the monsters in this horde will be the least powerful, let's not hold back and kill as many as we can since the later ones are more difficult to kill," a person said to his team members and the rest nodded. However, they were not the first team to think that way. Many of them had the same strategy.

Before the monsters came closer, they initiated the attack by dashing into the horde and starting the massacre. Most of them who entered the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine were immortal-levels rank-7 to rank-9. The monsters that were on immortal-levels rank-1 to rank-3 were like herds of goats entering the territory of tigers whereby the humans were on the winning side. It was not a battle anymore, but a one-sided grisly massacre!

Chapter 714: A Powerful Challenger

Not long into the first level of the challenge in the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine, a few challengers stood out. They did not form teams with anybody and just fought solo. None of the monsters that passed them managed to survive. They were like fishes swimming freely in water whereby none of the monsters could stop them from whatever they wanted to do. Moreover, they did not only kill one monster per attack. Instead, they were like Grim Reapers, exterminating everything that came their way.

The first monster horde lasted for around two hours before the second one came. This time, there were immortal-levels rank-4 to rank-6 monsters. This stressed many of the teams as their efficiency significantly dropped while those who were weaker were injured, which affected their productivity even more.

However, the few powerful lone rangers remained moving among the monsters, making it look like there was no difference with the first monster horde. The second horde also lasted for two hours before the third one came. This time, there were monsters of immortal-levels rank-7 to rank-9. Since the monsters were much more powerful, most of the challengers slowed down.

At the same combat level, the number of monsters had far surpassed the number of challengers. The monsters could bring harm to most of the challengers, so they were more careful this time. Even the lone rangers who stood out experienced a significant drop in their efficiency. Previously, they could kill a bunch of monsters at once, but now they could only kill a couple or only one at a time.

The third monster horde brought trouble to many of the teams. Some of them could not attack anymore and started defending themselves instead. Three minutes into the third monster horde, a challenger was killed by a monster and was disqualified. The team that lost their member failed in less than ten minutes later as their

team members were killed and disqualified.

It was just the beginning. Soon, the second and the third teams started to fall as well. In less than half an hour, seven teams had fallen, and 37 people were disqualified. It was not the end yet. After the seventh team was disqualified, so were the eighth and ninth teams. An hour into the third monster horde, 13 teams were disqualified. As the monster horde was coming to an end after close to two hours, 21 teams and more than 100 people were disqualified.

As soon as the third monster horde ended, the fourth monster horde arrived. The imperial-level monsters were finally here. Gigantic Frostyape Corpses marched towards the challengers in a deadly manner. Besides imperial-level monsters, the number of monsters this time was a few times more than the third monster horde. It was even more than the three monster hordes added up as there were millions of them.

Many of them were terrified when they saw the Frostyape Corpses. Even the tribe members who could transform into dolls were fearful of them. The Frostyape Corpses were not only mighty in terms of defense, but they also had terrifying strength too. Most of the imperial-level humans could not even break through the Frostyape Corpses' defense, let alone kill them. However, a few of the challengers among them were fearless as they stared deadly at the Frostyape Corpses.

"The whole carcass of a Frostyape Corpses can be sold at a high price, but it's too bad that this is just virtual reality." A plump man from the Dynasty smiled grimly.

"Whether you can sell them or not, killing ten of them is our mission," retorted a tall, skinny man next to him.

"Let's see who can kill faster!"

"I don't want to reveal my real ability here. You can look for someone else," the plump man said, smiling.

"This is just a game that I play out of boredom. Nobody is asking you to reveal your real ability." The tall, skinny man pouted.

"Don't you know how I am? I'm not interested in all these games." The plump man smirked back.

"If you really want to play, I think we can bet on the treasures in the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. The loser will have to surrender his treasure to the winner. What do you think?"

"F*ck off!" The tall, skinny man cursed.

"You might not lose. Don't you want to try?" The plump man smiled to the extent that his eyes became long, thin slits.

The tall, skinny man glared at him and ignored him. He then shot out as a golden glow towards one of the Frostyape Corpses. As the man started forward, the other lone rangers picked their own Frostyape Corpses and dashed forward. Among the lone rangers, the plump man from the Dynasty was the last to attack. He seemed to be chilled as he ambled and blocked the way of a Frostyape Corpse.

He then smiled as he looked at his target.

"I'm sorry. You shall not pass."

The Frostyape Corpse understood what he meant, and it slapped him without hesitation. The slap was terrifyingly fast with a scary chill as the air became frosty. As the slap reached the plump man, he stood where he was with his smile frozen on his face like he did not have the time to dodge the attack.

However, as the slap was inches away from his head, he raised his hand. A golden glow flashed, and a gold battle sword appeared in his hand. He raised the sword slowly and placed the back of his sword on his shoulder as he covered his mouth with his left hand while yawning.

"This level is so boring."

Just as he uttered those words, the Frostyape Corpse stopped moving like it was frozen. The Frostyape Corpse's palm stopped less than ten centimeters away from his head. Some of the challengers noticed the bizarre scene.

"Why isn't that Frostyape Corpse moving?"

"Is this a space restraint?"

All of a sudden, a blue crack appeared in between the Frostyape Corpse's eyebrows. It was like a thread that was being pulled downwards that soon arrived at the Frostyape Corpse's chin. Until then, blue fluid gushed out of the crack and exploded. Blue blood spurted everywhere like a fountain. The huge monster collapsed like a mountain. Above its neck, its head was cut in half like a watermelon in summer.

Chapter 715: Increasing Difficulty With Each Level

At the first shrine of the Sorcerer Goddess Shrine, the fourth monster horde arrived. It had completely revealed the true abilities of everybody there.

The powerful challengers who got into the first echelon were those who went at it alone. They were also the people who dared to challenge the imperial-level monsters.

Among these challengers, the plump man was not the only one who managed to kill the Frostyape Corpse in one hit, the skinny man who challenged him previously managed to complete a kill only mere seconds before him!

Aside from the both of them who were from Dynasty, the other three from the Union Government managed to kill the Frostyape Corpse at breakneck speed as well!

They were the five strongest humans there.

Despite there being a large number of tribal members, none of them had the courage to fight the imperial-level monsters alone. Instead, they formed teams and fought the monsters together. Nobody knew if they were doing this to conceal their true abilities or if they were truly that weak.

A few of the smaller teams that were formed to take on the imperial-level monsters managed to get into the second echelon.

The abilities of each team member were on par with the Frostyape Corpse. However, they did not choose to fight the monsters alone. Instead, they banded together to take on the Frostyape Corpse as they struck several heavy blows and killed them. Although the monsters were not killed in a split second, they still managed to kill them quite quickly and completed a kill within two to three seconds on average.

The party in the third echelon formed a team to kill the imperial-level monsters as well. However, they were apparently much weaker than those in the second echelon. The fight was not an easy one to them since they had to spend about 10 minutes to kill a Frostyape Corpse.

The fourth echelon did not even intend to hunt down the Frostyape Corpse since they knew fairly well that they were incapable of defeating such monsters. Even if they could, they would be unable to complete 10 kills within the time limit. They knew that they would definitely be disqualified and they did not strive to survive.

The fifth echelon was the weakest among the rest. They only managed to defend themselves against the monster horde and they would probably be disqualified at any time. They had no faith in themselves at all and were easily destroyed by the imperial-level Frostyape Corpse.

The fourth monster horde lasted longer than the previous three. More than two hours had passed but it seemed like it was not going to stop anytime soon.

Many of the teams from the fifth echelon were disqualified after the arrival of the monster horde, and some of the teams from the fourth echelon were disqualified as well.

It was only at the fourth hour after the assessment had begun for exactly 10 hours, that the fourth monster horde finally ended.

The monster troops transformed into glowing light and soon, they disappeared as the countdown ended.

Wu Mo's voice was heard in the air again.

"There are only 312 challengers who fulfilled all three requirements and are qualified to pass through the first level. I'm sorry to say that the rest of the challengers are disqualified."

"As for those who are disqualified, please don't attempt to enter

the Sorcerer Goddess Shine any longer. If you wish to enter, please wait for the next opening of the Sorcerer Goddess Shine."

Just as Wu Mo's voice was heard, the body of the challengers who failed to qualify for the next level collapsed and soon disappeared from the snowy world.

Among the crowd, less than a tenth of the people remained after a several seconds passed.

Among the remaining 312 people, most of them were the tribal members while about a hundred them were people from the Union Government and Dynasty.

The elimination rate had exceeded 90% in just the first assessment. This had put many of them on alert.

"Congratulations, you've got through the first assessment. Now, I'll send you the second shrine."

Along with the voice, 312 of them entered a trance and appeared in a shrine shortly after.

The shrine was extremely large but there was nothing else aside from the posts, walls, and dome.

Just as everybody was looking around the shrine, Wu Mo's voice was heard once more.

"There are Witchcraft Runes everywhere in this shrine. Among these runes, only 200 of them are single-use dimensional runes that'll send the user directly sent to the third shrine. Activating the wrong one will lead to the immediate destruction of the rune. If it's inaccurately activated, the rune will be destroyed right after it has been activated."

Everybody's facial expression changed as soon as they heard what Wu Mo said.

"Here's a gentle reminder. Aside from the 200 runes that will send you directly to the third shrine, there are also a hundred

runes that'll directly send you out of the Sorcerer Goddess Shrine. If you happen to activate such a rune, please come again during the next opening of the Sorcerer Goddess Shrine."

The tribal members' face turned grave as they heard this.

"The rules are pretty simple and I think everyone can understand it. If there are no further questions, the assessment for the second shrine will officially begin."

Runes appeared from the dome and floated around in the shrine. In just a few seconds, the runes had occupied the entire shrine.

Not only were the runes attached to the ground, the runic inscriptions were found on the posts as well.

As one looked from afar, the number of runes had exceeded 100,000.

To find 200 of the specified runes from more than 100,000 runic inscriptions was obviously not an easy task.

More than 200 of the tribal members were busy looking for the correct rune right after they appeared.

As for the humans, more than half of them seemed panicked. Despite the fact that the rest of them had begun looking for the right runes, a majority of them looked upset. Only about 10 of them were able to remain calm as they prepared for the challenge.

In less than 10 minutes after the second assessment had started, one of the tribal members had successfully activated a dimensional rune and disappeared from the shrine. Nobody knew if he was sent to the third shrine or if he was sent out of the Sorcerer Goddess Shrine.

After the first person had successfully activated the dimensional rune, the second and third person followed suit.

"Haha, I've found one!" The plump man from Dynasty stood still in front of a rune and fell into a trance. Then, he pointed his finger

at the rune and activated it.

After a short while, his body was enveloped by a white glow, and he disappeared from the shrine at the very next moment.

As time passed, the number of people who remained in the shrine got lesser and lesser.

The second assessment had yet to end. However, whoever managed to get into the third shrine in advance would be able to start the third assessment.

"The third assessment is called Hopscotch. Each participant will be sent to an independent space. There'll be a 3x100 grid on the ground over there. The challenger will have to arrive at the finishing point a hundred boxes away from the starting point. There'll be an attack rune on each of the grid. Some of the attack runes are real while the rest are fake. If you happen to step on the a real rune, you'll be immediately disqualified. If you step on a fake rune, nothing will happen to you. Some of them might be a trip rune. Once you're trapped, you'll be disqualified as well."

"Flying is not allowed in this round. Therefore, you won't be able to activate spatial manipulation abilities. Challengers can only step on the grid on their left, right, or directly in front of them. Moving backward and walking diagonally are prohibited. You can't skip as well. You can use the Witchcraft Rune to decode any of the runes on the grid."

The difficulty level of the third assessment had obviously increased!

Lin Huang who was inside the Sorcerer Goddess Shrine had no idea what was happening outside. He was still focused on decoding the Ten Thousand Sealing Rune.

Chapter 716: The Rune Cliff

After the Ten Thousand Sealing Rune had been decoded for more than 300 times, Lin Huang encountered a rune that he was unfamiliar with for the first time. Bloody accepted the mission without hesitation and rapidly drafted the sealing rune.

Having decoded the rune for about 900 times, Lin Huang faced some problems for the second time. Bloody helped him out again.

With Bloody's assistance, Lin Huang only managed to unseal more than 800 runes after working on it for precisely two days without any rest.

As he continued unsealing the runes, he sensed an energy wave coming from the shrine.

Lin Huang then turned his head back and looked in the direction where he sensed the source of the energy wave. A plump, young man appeared in the shrine.

The golden armor revealed his identity that he was wearing.

"It's the people from Dynasty!" Lin Huang frowned.

Zhu Xing soon noticed Lin Huang who was hundreds of meters away from him. He was stunned when he saw Lin Huang at first glance. However, he was able to confirm Lin Huang's identity soon and started sizing Lin Huang up.

However, due to the rules that Wu Mo had mentioned earlier, he did not take the initiative to talk to Lin Huang.

Lin Huang caught a glimpse of Zhu Xing and shifted his focus back on to the stone tablet. He knew the rules of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine as well. Therefore, he was not worried that the person would attack him.

Zhu Xing knew that Lin Huang was only a purple flame-level at first glimpse. He was not even an immortal-level. Of course, he was

envious of Lin Huang as the fellow with such low combat level could own the key to the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. Furthermore, Lin Huang had even entered the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine two days ahead of him.

Zhu Xing then quickly shifted his gaze from Lin Huang towards the 11 treasures that remained in the frosted cabinet.

"The Sorcerer Goddess's blood isn't here. The fella must've taken it." Zhu Xing glanced at Lin Huang again, and greed flashed in his eyes.

As he was about to shift his gaze and carefully study the treasures, the cabinet suddenly vibrated. White, jade-like phalanges shot out of the cabinet abruptly. The phalanges entered Zhu Xing's body when he was unaware of it.

Zhu Xing immediately sat down with his legs crossed and started digesting the item that he had just obtained.

After sitting down for a while, he felt a stir in the space in the shrine. It was a tribal member that was being sent there. His body was in the form of a teddy bear that was more than two meters tall.

Zhu Xing opened his eyes and caught a glimpse of the guy, and soon, he immediately closed his eyes to complete his task.

Lin Huang did not bother to turn around this time. Since the first person was sent, he knew that the number of people sent to the shrine would only increase after that.

Da Xiong soon noticed the presence of Lin Huang and Zhu Xing. Zhu Xing was familiar to him as the man had exhibited outstanding performance and it was hard for him not to notice him.

Seeing that two items had disappeared from 12 of the cabinets, Da Xiong could confirm Lin Huang's identity as well.

As a tribal member, he was curious about Lin Huang, who had obtained the key to the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. He secretly

sized Lin Huang up.

After a short while, the cabinet vibrated again. A book slowly floated in front of Da Xiong. He then extended his hand and grabbed the item that he had chosen.

The book turned into a ball of light that gradually merged in between Da Xiong's eyebrows.

Da Xiong immediately sat down with his legs crossed as well, watching the item that he had just obtained.

In the last ten hours, before Lin Huang could complete decoding the Ten Thousand Sealing Rune, five people were sent to the shrine one after another.

Wu Mo guided them to a stone tablet that looked similar to the one in front of Lin Huang. They started the assessment of the Ten Thousand Sealing Rune as well.

As for Lin Huang who had not rested for almost 60 hours, he finally carved the last rune on the last sealing rune of the Ten Thousand Sealing Rune.

The outer body of the stone tablet peeled away, revealing the dark bronze metal. Soon after, the complete form of the stone tablet appeared in front of Lin Huang – it was a metal door.

As the outer body had been completely peeled off, the metal door expanded rapidly and soon, a door that was three meters tall and a meter wide formed.

The changes that happened on Lin Huang's side had attracted the attention of the five of them who looked at the metal door.

The four of them immediately shifted their focus back to their work, but Zhu Xing did not. His eyes stared dangerously at Lin Huang, but his hands did not stop decoding the runes. He was just drawing blindly.

Lin Huang did not see this, and neither did the other four.

Lin Huang was standing in front of the door. However, he did not push it open.

Right at this moment, Wu Mo appeared next to him and said, "Please enter. The next assessment is the key to decide if you can inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory."

Lin Huang nodded, extending his hand and pushing against the door. He then strode into the dark space behind the door.

Right after Lin Huang disappeared, the dark bronze door that was transformed from the stone tablet faded away as well.

Wu Mo then turned around, exchanging glances with Zhu Xing who had been staring at Lin Huang.

Zhu Xing took a glance at her and soon, shifted his gaze back to the stone tablet in front of him.

Lin Huang appeared in front of an extremely high cliff right after he entered the door.

The cliff was thousands of meters tall. There were intricate carvings on the cliff which were made of various types of complete runes. There were at least 100,000 or millions of them.

Wu Mo's voice was heard again.

"On the rune cliff, there are 1,080,000 complete runes. You're given three days to memorize all the runes. If you can't finish it within three days, you won't be qualified to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory. Your memory regarding what you've seen from the cliff will be erased as well."

"Memorizing 1,080,000 complete runes in three days..." Lin Huang had no confidence that he could achieve it. He even doubted if Bloody could do so.

"You can ask your pet monster to help you. However, whatever that it memorizes won't be considered. You have to memorize it by yourself. Despite its talent in Witchcraft Runes going beyond

comparison, it's still a monster and won't be able to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory." Wu Mo felt disappointed. If it were human, it might be the one to inherit her memory.

"Bloody, I'm counting on you." Lin Huang knew that he would not be able to do it on his own.

Bloody nodded and started memorizing the complete runes.

Lin Huang had no choice but to memorize the complete runes one by one. However, he was slow at memorizing. He managed to memorize less than 20,000 runes in a day.

Even Bloody was only able to memorize less than half of the total number of runes in a day.

"I won't have much time left in the afternoon." Lin Huang knew that he would not be able to finish it according to their efficiency. He frowned as he started thinking of solutions.

While he was immersed in his thoughts, an idea suddenly ran through his mind. A golden card suddenly appeared in his hand...

Chapter 717: Epiphany Card

"Epiphany Card: Gives the user a chance for an epiphany.

"Remarks: Consumable, can only be used once. The effective period and effect depend on the user's credentials and talents."

Looking at the Epiphany Card he had on hand, Lin Huang seemed disconcerted. He could only get three of such cards in the next two years and one of what he had had already been used. However, as he thought about the fact that it was redeemable in the future, he felt relieved.

No matter what, it was definitely worth inheriting the True God's memory by using one or two Epiphany Cards.

Without hesitation, Lin Huang immediately crushed the Epiphany Card that he had.

The card transformed into a bright, golden glow and merged in between Lin Huang's eyebrows. However, Wu Mo did not notice that.

As soon as the Epiphany Card became effective, Lin Huang felt like his brain had detached from his body as his thoughts were much clearer than ever before. It seemed like the mist had cleared away, and the world was incredibly clear now.

Whatever that he could not see clearly in the past was now all revealed.

Even the runes on the cliff no longer looked like simplified runes. Instead, they looked like numbers. The rune lines that befuddled Lin Huang had become simple calculations. Lin Huang was able to grasp the meaning in an instant.

As he looked at the cliff again, Lin Huang managed to memorize all the intricate runes in one glance. He could even understand the constitutive principles and the constructive process of the runes perfectly well.

The impact of the Epiphany Card was beyond Lin Huang's expectations.

Soon, a day passed, and the effect of the Epiphany Card still remained. With the help of the Epiphany Card, Lin Huang managed to memorize more than 600,000 out of 1,080,000 of the runes. He was catching up with Bloody's progress.

Despite Wu Mo not finding out that Lin Huang actually used the Epiphany Card, she realized that Lin Huang had entered the state of experiencing an epiphany. She thought that Lin Huang was lucky because she clearly knew that although Lin Huang was not weak in Sorcerer Dao, he was not a pro either. He had solely relied on Bloody to pass through the Sorcerer Goddess Tower. She did not have faith that he was capable of inheriting the Sorcerer Goddess's memory. She was just giving him a chance to try his luck. However, she never expected that Lin Huang would enter the state of epiphany at the last minute.

The effect of the Epiphany Card lasted until the afternoon of the next day. It no longer became effective right after Lin Huang had completely memorized the 1,080,000 runes.

Bloody had not finished memorizing the runes by the time Lin Huang was done.

"You're kind of lucky to be able to experience an epiphany at the very last minute," Wu Mo whispered.

"Yes, I am." Lin Huang nodded as he knew that she would not be able to see Xiao Hei's card and had mistakenly thought that he had an epiphany simply by luck.

"The last round of the assessment isn't as simple as merely memorizing the runes." Wu Mo remained calm. Apparently, she did not think that Lin Huang would be able to get through the last round of the assessment.

"It's fine. I'm confident enough to accept the challenge." After

memorizing all the runes, Lin Huang was positive.

"Are you sure?" Wu Mo turned back and looked at Lin Huang when she heard what he just said. She smiled wryly.

"Yes, of course, I am. I've nothing to lose," Lin Huang answered optimistically, "Of course, I'll be happy if I'm able to get it, but it's within my expectations if I fail to do so."

"It means you're not really that confident though." Wu Mo pouted.

"My confidence in accepting the challenge doesn't mean that I'll be able to go through it," Lin Huang told her the truth with a smile.

"So, are you ready to accept the next challenge?" Wu Mo asked, raising her brows.

"Wait a minute so that Bloody can get its stuff done," Lin Huang suggested. "I want to recall what I've just memorized as well."

"Alright, then let's wait." Wu Mo nodded and agreed with him.

Bloody was still memorizing the contents on the cliff while Lin Huang was sitting down at somewhere not far away from it with his legs crossed. Soon, he closed his eyes and started recalling what he had just memorized.

After recalling the runes that he had just memorized twice, Lin Huang then slowly opened his eyes.

Seeing that Bloody was still busy, he did not interrupt it and just waited patiently.

"You're rather kind to your pet monster," Wu Mo commented, seeing that he had nothing to do.

"Bloody has helped me a lot in the past. It's the most intelligent pet monster among all the pet monsters I have." Bloody was indeed the most reliable companion to Lin Huang.

"Is it called Bloody? But I thought it's purple in color?" Wu Mo wanted to ask if he was color blind, but she did not. Instead, she

cocked her head at Lin Huang with a strange expression.

"It was originally red in color. However, it looked like this after going through its mutation. I'm used to addressing it this way that's why I didn't bother to change," Lin Huang explained.

"Oh, I see. This at least explains that you aren't color blind."

Lin Huang was speechless.

Both of them remained quiet for a while. Lin Huang then asked, "Can you transform back to your real body with the remaining consciousness that you have?"

"Theoretically, it could work, but it's difficult to do so," Wu Mo took a glance at Lin Huang and said after keeping quiet for a long while. "To be honest, I don't hold out much hope."

"Since it's going to work theoretically, there's still a glimmer of hope. How can I help you? Do let me know if there's anything that I can do for you," Lin Huang offered.

"Let's just forget about it since you're only on this combat level. You might be able to help if you're a True God." Wu Mo laughed. "I don't know when you're becoming a True God!"

"Instead of staying here, why not give it a try? Leave together with me as soon as everything that happens here ends. Let's look for a way so that you can transform back to your real body," Lin Huang suggested.

"If you want to bring me along, let's talk about it later after you've inherited my memory, without which, I won't leave." Wu Mo kept quiet for a while before saying, "Another thing that I'll have to clarify is that if I were to leave the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine, I could only stay in the droplet of the True God's blood. I'll be asleep, and I won't be able to help you out."

"Even if you aren't asleep, I don't think that there's anything that you can help me in your current state." Lin Huang laughed, shaking his head. "As for inheriting your memory, I'll try my best

to do so. Please don't forget me when you're able to recover to your original state in the near future."

"Alright." Wu Mo smiled.

As time passed, it was already late at night. At midnight, when the deadline was near, Bloody had finally completed memorizing everything on the cliff.

After recalling Bloody, Lin Huang then looked towards Wu Mo. "Let's begin now."

Chapter 718: The Final Assessment

"What's the final assessment about? Is it going to be a real battle?" He made a wild guess based on the practice of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine.

"It isn't going to be a real battle. After you've mastered the Witchcraft Rune, as long as sufficient training is provided, you'll be able to do well in the actual battle. Also, your ability in an actual battle has already been proven since you're here now. The final assessment wouldn't be meaningful then if it were the real battle." Wu Mo smiled evilly.

"If it's not a real battle, then what could it be?" Lin Huang had absolutely no idea.

Wu Mo's facial expression was grave as she announced, "You have to create new rune lines and new complete runes."

"Create new rune lines?" Lin Huang was stunned.

"Yes. You should know that the Witchcraft Rune has a total of 108 basic runes lines. During our epoch, 36 advanced rune lines are available in public and also nine high-level lines. You should also realize by now that among the 1,080,000 runes you memorized yesterday, there are actually many new rune lines," Wu Mo continued.

"Yes. 76 of them are new rune lines."

"These are the new rune lines provided by the Virtual God during our epoch. The 1,080,000 complete runes are basically the encyclopedia during our epoch, which took us tens of thousands of years to develop. Aside from the rune lines which one owns privately and won't be recorded, basically, all of that covers almost all of the runes available during our epoch. Despite the many rune lines and the complete runes, they belong to others. To be a qualified sorcerer, you will need to create your own rune lines.

Therefore, the final assessment will lead you to become a real sorcerer."

"In order to pass the final assessment, you have to create at least three rune lines that belong to you and develop 3,000 complete runes," Wu Mo shared the exact content of the assessment with him.

"Creating three rune lines and developing 3,000 complete runes?" Lin Huang frowned. "I might be able to accomplish the task if sufficient time is given. However, I don't think there's much time left for the opening of the Sorcerer Goddess's Tower."

"You still have four and a half days to go. It's one of the challenges of the assessment. However, compared to those who are often exposed to the Witchcraft Rune, it's easier for beginners like you to develop your own rune lines since your thoughts aren't restricted. As for people like us who're used to the Witchcraft Rune, we won't be able to think out of the box. It takes us a long time to create new rune lines. Moreover, rune lines are easier created at the beginning. It's possible to create a few new rune lines for the first time.

"Forcing you to create three or more rune lines in four and half days is actually a test on your credentials and talents in Sorcerer Dao. If you lack talent, you definitely won't be able to do so.

"Additionally, this assessment aims to test your understanding of the Witchcraft Rune. If you don't have a good understanding of the Witchcraft Rune, it's impossible for you to create your own rune lines."

Lin Huang knew that creating new rune lines was like creating new alphabets other than the 26 alphabets that were already in existence. He had to develop the 27th and the 28th alphabet along with creating new words by using the alphabets that were previously available. A new word with a new meaning had to be created. In addition, the creation could not deviate from the

language system itself. The newly created word would be an extension of the existing language after having a solid grasp of the original language system. It was not something that could be created blindly.

The combination of the rune lines was rather precise. If they were incompatible, the complete rune would not work.

Creating new rune lines and developing the new runes required a certain level of understanding of the Witchcraft Rune. Only those with a keen understanding of the Witchcraft Rune would be able to do so. Compared to this assessment, the rest of it meant nothing to Lin Huang.

"There's not much time left. Let's start now." After listening to Wu Mo's explanation, Lin Huang did not wish to have any delay. In the next four and a half days, each passing minute and second were precious to him.

Wu Mo nodded her head. She extended her hand and summoned a silver door. "Get in."

Lin Huang entered without a moment of hesitation.

As he strode to the silver door, Lin Huang was stunned. In front of him was an infinitely large, starry sky. He was floating in the air like a speck of dust.

He then turned back and found out that the silver door had already disappeared. As he wondered how would he return, Wu Mo's voice was heard again.

"Don't worry. Four and a half days later, regardless of the result, you'll be sent back here on time. Just focus on what you have to do now."

Lin Huang was relieved after listening to what Wu Mo said.

As he gazed upon the sky, he snapped himself out of his deep thoughts. After crushing the second Epiphany Card he had in his hand, he gradually closed his eyes.

Soon, the Epiphany Card did its magic, and Lin Huang was immersed in his thoughts again.

The human brain was transformed into a cosmic brain in an instant as the brain had no limit for its capacity and its speed of processing thoughts. The complete runes appeared in his mind. They were analyzed in reverse order whereby they were decomposed into rune lines.

It seemed like the rune lines were alive as they were automatically being sorted into various valid groups.

Lin Huang was like a witness, observing the runes being created and decomposed. The rune lines were like soldiers on a battleground, continually changing their formation to produce different effects.

Soon, four days passed.

On the final half of the day, he still had not started creating new rune lines or newly complete runes.

Wu Mo watched everything that happened in the sky.

Despite her astonishment, noticing that Lin Huang had gotten an epiphany again, she thought that Lin Huang was lucky again and did not think any further. Although Lin Huang had entered the state of epiphany, Wu Mo did not believe that Lin Huang could complete the final assessment given that only half a day was left.

As it was closer to the closing of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine, the lower the probability that Lin Huang could get through the final assessment.

Right when Wu Mo felt that Lin Huang was going to fail, she suddenly sensed a vibration coming from mid-air. She then looked in the direction where the vibration came from, and a bronze metal door opened.

A plump, young man then stepped out of the metal door and approached her.

The plump man waved his hand at Wu Mo as he saw her and said, "Hi, Sorcerer Goddess."

Wu Mo squinted her eyes and asked, "Who are you?"

"Is that important? I've passed all the assessments, and I've got to the second last challenge," Zhu Xing said haughtily while looking around. However, he did not see Lin Huang. His facial expression change. "Did the guy manage to get to the final challenge?"

"Yes, you're right. He's gone there for four days already. He's almost gotten the inheritance," Wu Mo taunted.

"It means that he hasn't got it yet." Zhu Xing grinned and said confidently, "It seems like I'm going to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory!"

Chapter 719: Getting C*ckblocked at the Last Minute

Wu Mo frowned as she looked at Zhu Xing, the plump man. She felt that he was somewhat sinister, but she could not figure out what was wrong. Since she was not in the actual body of the Sorcerer Goddess, her sight was limited.

Zhu Xing walked calmly towards the cliff where millions of runes were carved. He stood still and looked through the runes.

Managing to look through all the runes at one glance, his speed far surpassed Lin Huang who received an epiphany.

Wu Mo was shocked. Soon after, she frowned as if something had dawned on her.

Zhu Xing spent less than eight hours to look through all the runes on the cliff. He then closed his eyes and fell into deep thought. After a short while, he turned back and said, "I've memorized all of them. Can I proceed to the next round?"

"You've seen the cliff before! Who are you?" Wu Mo asked in a deep voice.

"Sorcerer Goddess, does it matter?" Zhu Xing asked as he tilted his head slightly. "I guess that you don't have the right to bother who I am as long as I'm qualified to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory. Am I right?"

Wu Mo remained silent. He knew very well that Wu Mo was just a shell with her remaining consciousness. She did not have the authority to make any decision regarding who would inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory.

"Don't waste my time anymore. Let's proceed to the last round." Zhu Xing waved his hand at her. "I know you wish for the fella to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory rather than me. However, there are only four hours left. I think you know very well that the

fella will stand no chance to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory anymore."

Wu Mo did not refute. Lin Huang had gone in for four days. In the last four hours, not a single rune line had been created. The probability that he could complete the assessment was close to zero.

Wu Mo did not say anything else. A silver door soon appeared as she waved her hand. "Get in."

Zhu Xing did not continue provoking her. Instead, he caught a glimpse of Wu Mo before entering.

As the silver door closed, Wu Mo pondered herself. A scene of Zhu Xing in the final assessment was being projected. She was still monitoring him.

In the projection, Zhu Xing was not nervous at all as he was sent to a dimension that looked like the vast universe. Even then, he was not shocked at all.

After closing his eyes for a moment, he opened his eyes again in less than half a minute. He extended his hand and started drawing rune lines in mid-air with his Life Power.

Yes, it was an entirely new rune line. It did not belong to any of the rune lines that were already available in public. It did not belong to the rune line that was decomposed from the 1,080,000 completed runes carved on the cliff as well.

Wu Mo frowned when she saw what just happened. She could confirm that Zhu Xing did not master the essence of the runes on the spot. He had been prepared for this.

Wu Mo could confirm her thoughts as she watched what Zhu Xing did next. After drawing the first new rune line, he immediately drew the second rune line, followed by the third rune line.

Similarly, two of the rune lines did not belong to any of the rune

lines that Wu Mo already knew.

After finished drawing the three rune lines, Zhu Xing grinned.

He then lifted his wrist. Without even pausing for a moment, he started drawing the new runes. In just a few seconds, a complete rune was drawn. Next, there was the second one, the third one...

During the final hour of the assessment, 3,000 complete runes were drawn by Zhu Xing.

After drawing the last rune, Zhu Xing stopped.

"I've completed the requirement of the final assessment. Am I qualified to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory now?" He said as if he was talking to himself. It seemed like he knew that Wu Mo was spying on him.

"Are you sure that you aren't going to add any new runes or rune lines to increase the probability of your winning?" Wu Mo's voice echoed.

"No, there's no need to do so. It's less than an hour away from the closing of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. The fella who has gotten the key to the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine won't be able to get through this. If the rest of them can complete the second last round, they won't be able to enter the last round. Even if they're already prepared for it like I was, they won't be able to achieve the drawing on time." Zhu Xing was extremely confident.

Wu Mo remained quiet again as what Zhu Xing said was a fact. Lin Huang would be unable to get through this since he had not created a single rune line yet. Two others managed to get through the second last challenge. However, it was too late for them to get to the final assessment as they no longer had enough time to get through the final assessment.

It seemed like Zhu Xing was going to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory.

Right when Wu Mo was immersed in her thoughts, Lin Huang,

who had been closing his eyes in the sky, finally opened his eyes.

As he opened his eyes, dazzling stars moved around in his eyes. Of course, the peculiar phenomenon disappeared in an instant.

Wu Mo felt that right at the moment when Lin Huang opened his eyes, she experienced an illusion. As she looked at him carefully, there was nothing different than usual in Lin Huang's eyes.

After opening his eyes, Lin Huang did not get out of his epiphany. Instead, he pointed in mid-air and drew a completely new rune line with his Life Power.

Soon after, he drew the second, the third, the fourth... He stopped right after drawing the 11th rune line.

Wu Mo was stunned to see what just happened. Lin Huang's performance was completely beyond her expectations. Soon after, a thought ran through her mind, "Damn it! You don't have enough time!"

In the air, Lin Huang had utterly forgotten about the time limit. After drawing 11 of the new rune lines, he started drawing the complete rune.

Although she felt that he would be unable to complete it on time, still, she reminded Lin Huang, "Lin Huang, you don't have enough time to finish the drawing. You have less than an hour left. You have to finish drawing the complete rune as soon as possible."

As soon as he heard Wu Mo's voice, Lin Huang suddenly paused. He then retracted his arm, and threads extended mid-air, controlled by his telekinesis.

More than 9,000 threads were created, and they all started drawing the Witchcraft Rune at almost the same time.

What Lin Huang did was out of Wu Mo's expectations again. She initially had no faith in Lin Huang as it was almost impossible for him to draw 3,000 runes in an hour. This indicated that he had to finish drawing one complete rune in about a second. It was an

unconventional way for Lin Huang to draw thousands of runes at the same time and he quickly managed to complete drawing more than 9,000 complete runes.

Lin Huang did not recall all the threads that were controlled by his telekinesis power after drawing more than 9,000 of the complete runes. He kept about 6,000 threads with him and started the second round of training.

After more than ten seconds, about 6,000 complete runes were drawn. He then slowly recalled all the threads.

Lin Huang exited his epiphany after he had completed all the drawings. He was collapsing as dizziness struck him. He felt as if he was suffering from an intense bout of flu and fever.

Chapter 720: Zhu Xing's Ambition

Zhu Xing inserted both of his hands into his pocket and was waiting leisurely in the vast expanse of the sky. "Sorcerer Goddess, do I really have to wait here for the last 40 minutes?"

"Are you sure you want to end the assessment before it's over?" Wu Mo asked.

"I've already completed the assessment. It's meaningless for me to wait here since I must be the one who's going to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory." Zhu Xing sneered upon the rest of the challengers.

"Before the assessment ends, nobody knows who's going to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory." Of course, by looking at Lin Huang's performance, Wu Mo knew that Zhu Xing would be disqualified. However, she was not going to tell him.

However, Zhu Xing could vaguely sense that something was wrong based on Wu Mo's tone. "Sorcerer Goddess, you're worrying me. Could somebody else have completed the assessment too?"

"You'll know that as soon as the assessment ends." Wu Mo gave an ambiguous reply.

"You refused to answer my question. It means 80% of what I guessed might be correct," Zhu Xing analyzed, stroking his chin. "You didn't want me to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory, but you sound like you're not fearful of anything. It means that most likely that person is going to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess' memory and I won't be able to surpass that person in the remaining 40 minutes."

Wu Mo chose to keep quiet.

After several moments, seeing that Wu Mo did not respond to him, Zhu Xing said again, "Your silence means that I made the right guess. I can basically confirm that about a 90% chance that

the person has surpassed me."

"Who's the one who did that?" Zhu Xing narrowed his eyes. "Less likely that the few of them who are lagging behind me can get through this. Most probably it's the fella who has the key to the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine... Of course, he must be capable if he can get the key. I've underestimated him."

Zhu Xing knew the truth through the tiny bit of clue he had, and he was sure that Lin Huang was the one who surpassed him.

"If he's the one who inherits the Sorcerer Goddess' memory, it's simple. As long as I can catch him alive, I'll force him to transfer whatever he has inherited to me," Zhu Xing said, nodding his head as if he had made up his mind. He was whispering to himself and did not notice that Wu Mo was watching him. It seemed like he purposely wanted to tell Wu Mo this.

"I think I know who you are," Wu Mo said, "I never expected that you'd still be alive."

"I think you've got the wrong person, Sorcerer Goddess." Zhu Xing refused to admit it.

"I can't be wrong. You're Wu Zhi," Wu Mo stated confidently. "If I'm not mistaken, you must've implanted the God's soul in your son's body. Your soul was awakened as soon as I activated the Sorcerer Goddess Shrine. After occupying your son's body, you seized the opportunity to transfer the soul to an outsider's body."

"I don't understand what you're trying to say," Zhu Xing insisted on denying.

"Don't you understand? I'll explain to you then." Wu Mo did not doubt that he was Wu Zhi. "Wu Zhi is a Virtual God during our epoch. He's the most intelligent among all my followers. However, he made a mistake due to a disaster that happened in the abyss. He did not try to defend us against the abyssal monsters. Instead, he took the opportunity to gather all the Virtual Gods' corpses. He

intended to reach his goal of becoming the True God by evilly offering a sacrifice. He even encouraged the rest of the Virtual Gods to act with him. He took advantage of the war and did not contribute to the battle. As soon as I discovered it, he attempted to flee and ended up being killed by an abyssal monster."

"Evilly offering a sacrifice?" After listening to what Wu Mo said, Zhu Xing could no longer stand his curiosity. "Is it a cruel way to reuse the dead bodies? Isn't it evil to sell the monster carcasses for money and eat their meat? They are all dead bodies. Why should humans deserve better treatment than monsters?!"

"Wu Mo, I chose to avoid the battle previously because I didn't want to burn bridges. If I were a True God, the tribal members wouldn't need to stay here for ages. If the True God protected us, the tribal members would have ruled the new epoch, let alone the old epoch!"

"You're the one who talks about principles and stopped me from becoming the True God. Look at the tribal members. They're all living in puppets. They're struggling to survive! Why not just kill the entire ethnic?!"

Zhu Xing finally admitted his identity. Wu Mo kept quiet for a long time after listening to what he said.

"However, what you did was still wrong," Wu Mo sighed after a long while.

"Is it right to allow the people from the old epoch and the new epoch to rule the world? Why can't the tribal members rule the world?!" Zhu Xing was triggered.

"Our epoch has been destroyed. That's certain. Since it's already ended, why can't you just let it go?"

"It's not that I don't want to let it go. Instead, here's a chance for the rise of the tribal members. In less than five years, the abyssal monsters will wipe out the entire land again. After the monsters

return to the abyss, we shall make a comeback. The entire land will belong to the tribal members! It's an opportunity given by the God for the rise of the tribal members!"

"Wu Mo, as long as I'm the one that inherits the Sorcerer Goddess's memory, I'll lead the tribal members to march towards prosperity and create a new epoch that solely belongs to the tribal members!"

Wu Mo remained silent again. After a long while, she said, "The era doesn't belong to us. This will cause war and create more suffering."

"As a Sorcerer Goddess, why do you always think about the others instead of the tribal members?" Zhu Xing questioned. "You want an outsider to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess' memory instead of me."

"That's fine. Even if the fella who owns the key to the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine successfully inherits the Sorcerer Goddess's memory, I'll have my way to grab it. I'll not only take away whatever that he has inherited, but he'll also be my slave so that he can be my toy and completely be under my control!"

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On the other side, after Lin Huang had completed the assessment, but his body had given way to exhaustion. After about half an hour, he slowly recovered.

"It's less than ten minutes away from the closing of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. I've completed the assessment, so if I'm not mistaken, I'll be able to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess' memory." Lin Huang was satisfied with his performance.

Suddenly, Wu Mo's voice was heard. "Lin Huang, before inheriting the Sorcerer Goddess's memory, I have some bad news for you."

"Bad news?" Lin Huang was stunned.

"After the closing of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine, you'll have to leave the floating land as soon as possible. Someone knows that you're going to obtain the inheritance, and he'll attack you and grab the inheritance from you. He might want to enslave you."

"Eh, is he strong?" Lin Huang asked.

"According to the usual way of classifying combat strength, he's an immortal-level rank-9. However, his ability has far surpassed that. A Virtual God is living in his body."

Lin Huang's face turned grave as he heard that. He never expected to encounter a Virtual God. "How does he look like?"

Wu Mo projected Zhu Xing's appearance. "He has now parasitized this person's body. However, it's easy for him to wear a disguise."

After remembering Zhu Xing's appearance, a thought suddenly flashed through his mind. "I know. I'll be careful of him."

Chapter 721: Creating Trouble for the Goblin

"You said that the Virtual God wanted to steal my inheritance. Could you please provide more information?" Lin Huang asked.

"His name is Wu Zhi. He was one of my followers during the old era. Despite not being the strongest, he's the most intelligent. During our era, when the abyssal monsters arrived, he did not fight them. Instead, he avoided them. He took advantage of the war and collected the corpses of the Virtual Gods. He wanted to become the True God evilly. However, he was killed before the plot succeeded. The God's soul remained in his son's body.

"When humans entered the land, his son took over the human's body using some tricks. After the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine was activated, the God's soul sensed it and was awakened. Therefore, he has now occupied the person's body.

"Wu Zhi is ambitious as he's eager for the rise of the tribal members. The credentials and talents of the body that he has occupied are comparable to yours. If he can inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory, he'll definitely be able to become the True God given ample time. Regardless of whether the abyssal monsters arrive or not, he'll be a nightmare to all the cultivators in the new era."

Lin Huang frowned again as he heard that ominous news. "How long will he take to transform back to a Virtual God?"

"That's uncertain. Besides being a Virtual God, his body has terrifying abilities, so it's not difficult for him to restore his original combat strength. However, I'm doubtful of how complete the memory of the God's soul is. If the God's soul manages to store all the memory, in half a year or a year at the most, he'll be able to restore his combat strength as a Virtual God. He doesn't lack any resources to level up in the floating land. If the memory of the God's soul is incomplete, I can't predict how long it'll take him to

restore his ability. It might take him several years, or he might not be able to even after hundreds of years."

"What about the human that he has parasitized? Is there any useful information?" Lin Huang questioned.

"He is called Zhu Xing. He's also a supreme genius, and his combat strength is on immortal-level rank-9. I don't know much about him though." Wu Mo paused, "You're not the only one who managed to get through the last round of the assessment. He has completed the drawing of three new rune lines and developed 3,000 complete runes. However, he prepared it beforehand."

"Does it count as cheating if he knows the content of the assessment beforehand?" Lin Huang recalled how they had cheated during the exams when he was in university.

"It is indeed considered cheating. However, the Sorcerer Goddess didn't mention that cheating is prohibited. That's why he's not deemed having violated the rules." Wu Mo explained helplessly.

"Does it mean that he's qualified to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory as well?" Lin Huang frowned.

"Theoretically, yes, he is. However, after the last round of the assessment has ended and there's more than one successful candidate, the one with the best performance will be chosen. The Sorcerer Goddess has thought about this earlier."

"Therefore, I'm still the one who gets the inheritance, am I not?" Lin Huang was relieved when he heard that.

"Of course, you'll be the one," Wu Mo assured him and continued, "You have less than ten minutes now. I'll insert the Sorcerer Goddess's memory into your body. It's best for you to leave early. As long as the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine is automatically closed, nobody will know that the memory has been obtained. Wu Zhi wanted to inherit the Sorcerer Goddess's memory on his own. Therefore, it's impossible for him to reveal the information to the

others. As long as you can avoid Wu Zhi, you'll be safe."

"There's no need to avoid him. If he were to get me into trouble, I'd have fun with him." Lin Huang had a mischievous look on his face.

"Are you sure that you're able to handle him? His ability is on par with an imperial-level." Although Lin Huang had performed many miracles throughout the challenge, Wu Mo did not think that he was capable of fighting Wu Zhi.

"I'll be able to defend myself against him." Lin Huang assured confidently.

"Don't get yourself into trouble. He's way more difficult to deal with than you can imagine."

"Don't worry. I'm not going to fight him face to face. I'll just create trouble for him." Lin Huang grinned.

Wu Mo had no idea what Lin Huang was thinking. Encountering such a strong enemy, anyone would usually choose aversion in the first place. However, Lin Huang decided to stir chaos instead.

"If you're caught, you'll wish you chose death," Wu Mo warned. However, she did not want to talk about this anymore. "I'll now insert the Sorcerer Goddess's memory into your body."

After Wu Mo's voice was heard, a meteorite suddenly streaked across the vast expanse of sky at lightning fast speed. It was heading straight towards Lin Huang.

The meteorite was flying at a breakneck speed, and Lin Huang could not avoid it at all. He was stunned as he gaped at the meteorite that appeared less than ten meters away from him. When he was about to strike, the meteorite suddenly stopped moving. It was like a mountain that spanned across the sky.

"What's happening?" As Lin Huang wondered, a crack was heard coming from the meteorite in front of him. Soon, there was a second crack, a third... Within seconds, many cracks appeared on

the meteorite like a spider web.

After several moments, the meteorite was crushed entirely into debris.

Lin Huang felt odd as he stared at the scene that had just happened without any clue.

As soon as the meteorite collapsed, the debris scattered and floated in mid-air like Lin Huang. Soon after that, Lin Huang found a shiny, golden item among the debris.

He appeared next to the golden item in a flash and grabbed it.

The crystal was the size of a fist, and it looked like a golden mineral in a bizarre shape. When he grabbed it, Lin Huang sensed a familiar energy wave.

"Is this the inheritance of the Sorcerer Goddess?" Lin Huang asked, feeling puzzled.

"Yes, you're right." Wu Mo's voice was heard again.

"How should I use this?"

"Hold it between your eyebrows. It'll enter your body on its own," Wu Mo said, then added, "However, due to your low combat strength, you're not allowed to read most of the contents. Perhaps you'll only be able to completely receive the inheritance when you achieve the Virtual God level. Since the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine is closing soon, you don't need to read the inherited memory yet. Let's talk about it later after you get out of this place. I'll now grant you some of the authority of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine.

Before Lin Huang could check out the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance, many messages gushed into his mind. Going through them, he realized that they were some of the jurisdictions of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine.

"It's only activated once a year. Please come again next year if you want to enter."

Lin Huang soon noticed the time and grinned. "Fortunately, there are still a few minutes remaining."

He adjusted his voice slightly and soon he sounded like a lady. It was the effect of the Advanced Disguise. "Sorcerer Goddess, do I sound the same as you?"

"What are you trying to do?" Wu Mo found him ridiculous.

"I told you earlier that I'm going to create trouble for the goblin." Lin Huang smirked wryly.

After several moments, a voice that sounded exactly the same as Wu Mo's was heard throughout the 12 shrines in the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine.

"Congratulations, Zhu Xing! You've successfully obtained the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance!"

Chapter 722: The Closing of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine

"Congratulations, Zhu Xing. You've successfully obtained the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance!"

Every one of them distinctly heard the woman's voice in the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. Regardless of whether they were inside or outside the shrine, even Lin Huang and Zhu Xing who were in mid-air could hear it clearly.

As the announcement rang out, everybody was stunned. Many of them started asking who Zhu Xing was.

In mid-air, Wu Zhi was astonished to hear the notification.

"What does it mean? Was Wu Mo trying to scare me just now? In fact, nobody has actually passed the assessment. Am I the one who's able to receive the inheritance?"

However, the thought lasted for less than ten seconds, and Wu Zhi knew that he was wrong because he found out that there were only a few minutes left before the closing of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. Apart from the announcement, he did not receive any rewards related to the inheritance, and there were no new messages in his mind.

"Wu Mo, are you fooling me?!"

Noticing that the notification was unusual, Wu Zhi's temper shot up, and he yelled upon finding out that he was wrong. Since he knew Wu Mo for so many years, he knew that she would not do something silly like this although she did not want him to receive the inheritance.

"No, it's not you. It must be the fella who received the inheritance! Since he's gotten the inheritance, he must've been granted some authority over the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. The fella must have spread the rumor!"

Zhu Xing managed to figure out that Lin Huang was the one who had done it with little effort.

Wu Mo remained quiet. At this moment, if she happened to say anything wrong, Wu Zhi would have something to use against her. She simply refused to talk to him and provide him with any other useful information.

On the other hand, Wu Mo contacted Lin Huang again.

"Wu Zhi already knows that it was you who did that. He knows me well enough to know that I won't trick him to fulfill my own desires. Also, he knew that you've gotten my inheritance and obtained part of the authority over the control of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine."

"It seems like he's smarter than I thought. However, that's fine. Just let it be." Lin Huang was not worried at all.

"You've tricked him. Aren't you afraid that he'll tell the public that you're actually the one who's obtained the inheritance?" Wu Mo asked.

"He has planned to become the True God for tens of thousands of years. Do you think that he'll share this piece of information with the others?" Lin Huang laughed.

"No, he won't." When she heard Lin Huang's rhetorical question, Wu Mo immediately realized that Lin Huang was taking advantage of Wu Zhi's attitude.

"Yes, you're right. Ordinary people will definitely think of ways to make things clear when they're falsely accused. The simplest way is to tell the truth. However, Wu Zhi isn't an average person. Since he could secretly work for a sole goal for ages, it's proven that he has a high tolerance. He won't lose his rationality simply because I tricked him. If he were to tell the truth about me actually being the one who obtained the inheritance, he'd only increase the number of competitors. He would've wished that he was the only

one who knows the truth. Though I framed him, he'll choose to bear with it. He might probably refute the others when he's attacked, but he definitely won't tell them the truth. That being said, he'll be the one who wants to keep the secret instead of me. The fewer people who know the truth, the higher the probability that he'll be able to steal the inheritance."

After listening to Lin Huang's analysis, Wu Mo instantly discovered that Lin Huang's thought process was not that simple.

"Yes, you're right. Even if Wu Mo is falsely accused, he'll choose to keep the secret. He's an extremely arrogant guy, and he isn't afraid of being attacked by the others at all. You did a good job by getting him into trouble. However, Wu Zhi holds grudges. If there's a chance for him to take revenge on you, he'll definitely do so. You have to be careful. It's not difficult for him to figure out your plot. As soon as he manages to get away with it, that's when he's going to create trouble for you."

"If he's hiding all the while and gets me into trouble only when he has leveled up to Virtual God, I won't be able to handle him. However, if he creates trouble for me before restoring his combat strength, he's always more than welcome." Lin Huang had no fear of the Virtual God at all.

Since Lin Huang was so confident, Wu Mo did not say anything else. She knew that the young man was more matured than she thought and he would not get himself into trouble despite the fact that the opponent was once a Virtual God. She could see that there was no fear in Lin Huang's eyes and he put up a false bravado. In fact, he was not afraid of Wu Zhi at all.

In the vast expanse of sky, Wu Mo did not respond to Wu Zhi after a long while. He then confirmed that Lin Huang was the one who had tricked him.

"Wu Mo, I have to admit that the guy who inherited the Sorcerer Goddess's memory is a smart guy. He tricked me to buy him some

time. He did a great job. I'm afraid that I won't be able to create trouble for him in a short period of time.

"However, please tell him not to feel so jubilant first. After I get my stuff done, he'll know the definition of big trouble. I'm definitely going to take revenge on him, and you know this. On the day when I manage to capture him, I'll show him what death feels like!

"Alright, stop bullshitting. The Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine is closing soon. Think of ways to get away with this. Many of them are going to try to kill you now," Wu Mo gloated.

"They are just small potatoes. I'll need some time to deal with this. If you want to laugh at me, you're just going to be disappointed." Wu Zhi looked down upon the rest.

"I'm going to see what will happen next. I have faith that you'll do a fantastic job," Wu Mo said, and her voice could no longer be heard.

The calmer Wu Mo was, the more Wu Zhi felt offended. He attempted to communicate with Wu Mo several times. As he did not get any reply, he kept quiet, waiting for the closing of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine.

On the other side, Lin Huang started talking to Wu Mo again.

"Sis Momo, what do you think about my suggestion?"

"What suggestion is that?" Wu Mo asked although she knew what he was trying to say.

"Let's leave the floating land together. You promised that we'd leave together as soon as I receive the inheritance. I've already gotten the inheritance, so shouldn't you keep your word?" Lin Huang mentioned this again.

After a moment of silence, Wu Mo asked, "Why are you insisting on leaving together with me?"

"I have my own intentions though. The disaster of the invasion of the abyssal monster is going to arrive in less than five years. I hope that you can return to your real body in five years' time. You'll be a great assistance to us by then. In the new era, humans are too weak. The strongest man is one of the Virtual Gods that is severely injured. The rest of them are demigods. If we're attacked by the abyssal monsters now, we'll definitely lose the battle. I see no chance of winning at all."

"Do you want to be a savior?" Wu Mo asked suspiciously.

"No, I don't. However, I don't want my family and friends to get killed. My sister is only 16 years old, and many of my friends are in their 20's. I don't want them to die young."

Wu Mo remained silent for a while. Just when Lin Huang thought that she was not going to keep her promise, she finally said, "Alright, let's leave together!"

As soon as her voice was heard, a notification arrived.

"The Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine is closing soon. To all the challengers, please get ready to leave. The countdown begins now. 10, 9, 8...3, 2, 1."

Chapter 723: He's Zhu Xing!

Right when the sound of the countdown timer was heard, Wu Mo spoke up, "After leaving the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine, I'll be asleep within the droplet of the God's blood. I've imprinted all the materials and methods required to restore my combat strength. However, it's only in theory. I'm unsure of its rate of success though. Try your best to collect all the required sources."

Apparently, Wu Mo had no faith in transforming back to her real body. She sounded casual like she was trying to tell Lin Huang, "Just try your best. Fate has its way."

"Don't worry. I'll keep my promise and try my best." Lin Huang knew that Wu Mo had no faith in him. However, he pretended as if he did not realize it.

"Thank you." She did not say anything else. At that moment, the countdown timer that lingered in the air was about to end.

Right at this moment, a flash of gold suddenly appeared. In an instant, the golden glow streamed into Lin Huang's chest just like the Sorcerer Goddess's blood had.

Lin Huang was stunned. He immediately responded to it and realized that the golden glow must be the remaining consciousness of Wu Mo's real body.

At that second, the countdown timer in the sky ended.

Lin Huang went into a trance. As soon as he was able to react, the sky had disappeared and was replaced by a snowy land.

Despite the snow having stopped, Lin Huang could still easily recognize that it was the floating land.

The Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine that was made of ice crystals appeared in front of Lin Huang at less than 20 meters away. The door was closed, and it became transparent.

Lin Huang noticed that people were constantly sent back and the number of people was increasing.

In just a blink of an eye, the humans and the tribal members who had previously stayed in the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine were sent back.

As for the shrine made of ice crystals, it became transparent in less than three seconds, and it eventually disappeared.

Lin Huang sized up the surroundings and realized that not many of them were sent out from the Sorcerer Goddess Tower. There were about 200 of them. However, they were not weak as they were able to stay in the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine right until it closed.

Among the crowd, Lin Huang saw the plump man, Zhu Xing. As he was sizing him up, Zhu Xing looked towards him as well.

Zhu Xing had seen Lin Huang before when they were in the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. He could recognize Lin Huang at first glance. He also knew that Wu Mo might have told Lin Huang about him before.

However, Zhu Xing was not going to attack Lin Huang since the place was crowded. Instead, he smiled at Lin Huang from afar.

Lin Huang grinned back and did not provoke him. He slowly walked towards Zhu Xing.

Zhu Xing did not expect that Lin Huang would have the courage to walk towards him. He frowned when he saw this.

Lin Huang stopped when he was about three meters away from Zhu Xing. He greeted him. "Is this our first time meeting?"

The first time when they met each other had been in the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. However, the meeting was not an official one.

"Let it be," Zhu Xing replied. He wondered what Lin Huang's intention was. Seeing Lin Huang walking towards him, he

suppressed his urge to attack. He knew very well that if he were to attack him, the rest would know that Lin Huang was actually the one who had obtained the inheritance. "You know who I am, yet you're standing so close to me. Should I say that you're brave? Or are you mad?"

"No, I'm neither. The reason why I have the guts to stand near you is that I know that you won't attack me." Lin Huang was confident.

Zhu Xin frowned at his sass. Soon, his features returned to normal as he gazed at Lin Huang's face. "I have to admit that you're smart. No wonder you could think of a way to set me up."

"I'm forced to do so. If I didn't set you up, perhaps you were going to get me into trouble once you leave." Lin Huang was frank with him and told him the reason why he wanted to fool him.

"I hold grudges. I believe that Wu Mo has mentioned that to you before." Zhu Xing narrowed his eyes.

"Yes, she did." Lin Huang nodded and smiled.

"I guess you've no idea how I deal with people who take me as a fool." Zhu Xing guffawed.

"Tell me."

"To deal with a person who has fooled me, I'll first chop off their limbs and blend them into juice. I'll feed the person with the juice, and no leftover is allowed. I'll keep the person alive with some unique tactics and start dissecting them. I'll first exchange the person's heart, lungs, kidney, and the rest of his organs with the swine beast's organ. The person can only live up to three days at the most and the shortest time that one can survive is less than three minutes.

"As long as you're willing to let go of the inheritance of the True God, I won't kill you. Since you have outstanding credentials and you're talented, you can become my slave and part of your

consciousness will remain.

"You have to know that there's no chance of winning if you were to fight me. As long as you're willing to let go of the True God's inheritance, I can forgive your past misdeeds, including the fact that you've actually set me up."

"It sounds like an attractive offer..." Lin Huang was tempted.

"I'll give you an hour to consider whether to accept my offer or not. I'll wait for you right here," Zhu Xing urged.

Lin Huang stroked his chin and kept quiet for less than ten seconds and said, "I don't need to consider it anymore. I've made up my mind."

"So, your decision is..."

"My decision is..." When Lin Huang's voice was heard, he suddenly pointed at Zhu Xing and yelled, "Guys, come here! He's Zhu Xing! He's the guy who has gotten the True God's inheritance!"

Lin Huang's voice drew everybody's attention.

Everybody's eyes brightened as soon as they heard Zhu Xing's name since the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine informed them that Zhu Xing was the one who had inherited the Sorcerer Goddess's memory.

The few of them who got into the shrine were exceptionally strong. They thought that Zhu Xing was the one who had obtained the inheritance. Having watched Zhu Xing's attacks more than once throughout the challenges, they knew that he was terrifying.

Zhu Xing had never expected that was what Lin Huang was going to do. Although Lin Huang had mentioned his name before during the announcement, not many of them knew how he looked like. Therefore, he would only have to handle a small number of people. Right now, after Lin Huang set him up, he instantly became the public's attention.

Zhu Xing could not tell the truth. Seeing the crowd was coming after him, he gave Lin Huang a killer stare and immediately fled.

Since Zhu Xing was trying to escape, the people were like a swarm of bees chasing after him.

Lin Huang stood in his original position, witnessing Zhu Xing being chased by the crowd and he was getting further away from him. He grinned triumphantly. "I've temporarily resolved the problem."

Chapter 724: Returning to the Sorcerer Goddess Tower

Seeing the crowd chasing after Zhu Xing, Lin Huang, who stayed in his original position, summoned Thunder. As he rode on Thunder's back, he extended his finger, pointing in another direction. "Let's head back to the Sorcerer Goddess Tower!"

Thunder fluttered its wings and flew off into the sky. They headed towards the tribal members' foothold where Bai Gu was previously.

After flying for a short while, a black shadow gradually emerged from the snowy land. Unexpectedly, it was the position where Zhu Xing had been sent back just now.

Soon, the black shadow transformed into a human form. Although his features could not be seen clearly, he looked remarkably like Zhu Xing.

"The fella runs away so quickly," the black shadow mumbled. If Wu Mo had not been asleep, she would have figured out that it was Zhu Xing's voice.

"I won't let you go next time!"

Witnessing Thunder disappear within seconds, the black shadow did not chase after it. Instead, he muttered to himself. Soon after, his body faded away just like the snow that quickly melted as the sunlight shone on it.

Lin Huang did not notice what had just happened at the snowy land. Of course, he would not mind even if he saw that. At Thunder's flying speed, even an immortal-level human would not be able to catch up with it.

Since Lin Huang was riding on Thunder, they flew for more than half an hour. Eventually, they arrived at the foothold where Bai Gu and the rest were, and Lin Huang recalled Thunder.

The second they stepped into the foothold, a lady's voice was heard. "Lin Xie, you're back!"

As the voice was heard, a pink shadow appeared in front of Lin Huang in a flash. Indeed, she was Duo Er.

"Lin Xie, did you just get out of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine?" Duo Er's doll-like body floated mid-air, and she asked curiously.

"How did you know that I went to the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine?" Lin Huang frowned.

"The tribe leader told me." Duo Er was proud of herself. "I was sent back to the foothold by the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine a few days ago. I didn't see you since then, so I thought that you were practicing in the Sorcerer Goddess Tower. The tribe leader told me that you left the Sorcerer Goddess Tower three days after we went to the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine and that you went to the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine alone."

"Yes, you're right. After the training, I heard that the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine was open and I immediately rushed over." When he heard what Duo Er said, Lin Huang knew that Bai Gu had not told them that he had obtained the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine's key. He wove a lie according to Bai Gu's story.

"Today is the last day of the opening of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. I reckon that you managed to get through many of the challenges?" Duo Er asked.

"No, I was stuck at the seventh shrine, and I didn't manage to get through that even after the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine was closed," Lin Huang lied. Since he owned part of the authority of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine, he knew the structure of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine and the contents of the assessment pretty well.

"You did a great job. I was disqualified in the third shrine." Duo Er was upset.

While the both of them were chatting, a familiar voice was heard

again. "Duo Er, don't block his way. Please come in." It was the tribe leader, Bai Gu.

Zhu Er stuck her tongue out at him before moving aside.

Lin Huang lifted his head and looked towards Bai Gu. He then greeted, "Hi, Sir."

"Are you free to talk?" Bai Gu was holding his walking stick, the tip of which, pointed at the ground. His eyes were hollow as he looked towards Lin Huang.

"Sure," Lin Huang answered. He touched Duo Er's head affectionately and walked towards Bai Gu. Duo Er did not follow him. As the two of them disappeared, she left, heading towards another direction.

Bai Gu led Lin Huang back to the Sorcerer Goddess Tower.

The gigantic face was surprised when he saw Lin Huang. "Kid, you're back."

"Am I not welcomed?" Lin Huang smiled.

"You're always welcome," the face answered with a smile as well.

After chatting for a while, Lin Huang and Bai Gu entered the first level of the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine. It was the first time that he was brought into that room.

"Take a seat." Bai Gu then sat down on the futon opposite him with his legs crossed and Lin Huang followed suit.

"Have you met the Sorcerer Goddess? Is she fine?" Bai Gu asked a question that was utterly unrelated to the result of the assessment.

Lin Huang remained silent for a while and answered, "Yes, she's fine with the remaining consciousness she has."

"That's good." Bai Gu nodded. After a moment of silence, he asked, "Have you obtained the inheritance? To be honest, I didn't want to ask this, but I have to know."

"Do you want me to tell you the truth or lie to you?" Lin Huang asked with a wry smile.

"Lie to me."

"A person named Zhu Xing has gotten the inheritance. A Virtual God has occupied his body called Wu Zhi," Lin Huang replied.

"I understand." Bai Gu nodded his head. He slowly got up, picking up his walking stick. "There's not much time left for you to stay here in the floating land. Make good use of the remaining time. I don't want to disturb you anymore."

"Aren't you interested in knowing the truth?" Lin Huang asked.

"No, I already know the answer." As Bai Gu got up, he pushed the door and walked out of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower without turning his head back.

Seeing that Bai Gu had left, Lin Huang then appeared on the ninth level of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower. One would not have to go through the levels that one had passed through in the Sorcerer Goddess Tower for the second time. Instead, he could be transported in an instant.

On level nine, Lin Huang sat down and started practicing his Army Attack Tactics.

He realized that when he was on the ninth level of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower, the speed of practicing his Army Attack Tactics was more than 20 times faster. He managed to collect more than 80,000 skill pieces in an hour. It was a heaven for practicing his Army Attack Tactics. Since the spirit energy was 500 times more concentrated, he wished that he could complete practicing level-10 of his Army Attack Tactics.

As he sat down, the Army Attack Tactics started circulating in Lin Huang's body, and skill pieces were gathered just as he expected.

Soon, Lin Huang was immersed in the state of practicing.

Three days soon passed. In the snowy land that was thousands of kilometers away from the foothold of the tribal members, a plump man was surrounded by 20 people. To be more precise, there were six humans whereas the rest of them were tribal members in their puppet forms.

"Zhu Xing, let go of the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance. You can't take it all on your own," one of the tribal members said.

"Zhu Xing, we do agree that you're strong. However, none of us are weak either. It might be difficult for us to steal something away from you if it were a one-on-one battle. However, there are 20 of us here. Don't attempt to fight back, which will be an effort in vain. Also, we've locked the entire dimension down. You won't be able to run away this time."

"I've said countless times that I don't have the inheritance with me. The person who obtained the inheritance set me back," Zhu Xing insisted helplessly.

"Since you've been fooled, tell us who the person is. We can talk to him face to face," someone suggested.

"I've no idea who has it." Zhu Xing was reluctant to tell that Lin Huang was the one.

"We'll just kill you so that the inheritance will be freed from your dead body!"

Chapter 725: Available Mythical-Level Card

Dead bodies lay scattered on the snow. Most of the 23 slain were killed instantly, and only some of them suffered multiple injuries on their bodies. Most of them were had their heads chopped off. A plump man stood in the middle of the bodies, the tip of his supreme sword relic still dripping with blood.

"I'm in luck this time. I didn't expect that this host would be so talented in Sword Dao. He remedied those in our tribe who are weak at close-range fighting." Zhu Xing started to browse through all the bodies after putting his sword away.

Wu Zhi would not be interested in searching for treasure on the corpses. However, since he had made Zhu Xing his host, there was nothing on him that was valuable besides the finger bone that he got from the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine earlier. Moreover, he needed a massive amount of resources to improve his combat level so he would have to put down his pride and search for stuff from these people who were not even on imperial-level.

Zhu Xing shook his head in disappointment after going through all the 23 bodies.

"Not even a demigod relic. I've got no idea what's in their Emperor's Heart Rings, and I'll have to get someone to unseal them later. Ugh, so much trouble!"

"Since I can't find the guy who's got the key to the Sorcerer Goddess's Shrine, he must be hiding in the Sorcerer Goddess Tower now. Tomorrow will be the last day of the one-month period. There's only 12 Sorcerer Goddess Towers. Besides the one that my tribe is in, there're 11 others. Among the 11 Sorcerer Goddess Towers, there're only 7 of them who aren't against humans. Only these seven tribes would allow humans to enter their tower. I should have enough time to visit the seven footholds within the remaining two days.

"It'll be much easier if I manage to kill the guy on this floating land. He's a genius after all, and there must be people protecting him out there. In my current condition, I won't be able to handle imperial-levels who are just slightly powerful, let alone demigods. Moreover, many people will be eyeing the inheritance. The competition will be even more intense, so I'll have to take the inheritance from him before tomorrow. I'll disguise as a different face and leave this land together with the rest."

After coming up with a plan, Zhu Xing flew into the air and looked far away.

"But before that, I'll need some assistance..."

He then raced like an arrow towards the direction that he was looking at

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As time passed by, Lin Huang spent four days on the ninth level of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower. During the four days, he did not eat or rest as he focused on the cultivation of his Army Attack Tactics. He accumulated more two million skill card pieces every day. Compared to the two million-odd card pieces that he collected in the beginning, he was closer to his goal of ten million card pieces to break through to the level-10 of Army Attack Tactics.

By the middle of the night on the fourth day, he had accumulated eight million card pieces and was still going strong.

8.5 million...

Nine million...

9.5 million...

On the fourth night, he finally accumulated ten million Army Attack Tactics card pieces, triggering Xiao Hei's notification.

"Congratulations, you've accumulated ten million Army Attack Tactics card pieces. Would you like to consume the ten million

card pieces to complete the level-10 Army Attack Tactics?"

"Yes!" Lin Huang decided without thinking twice.

"Consuming ten million Army Attack Tactics card pieces. Breaking through level-10 Army Attack Tactics... Completed!"

"Congratulations, you've obtained a mythical-level cultivation method card - Twisted Fate Scripture!"

"Mythical-level card? I can't activate it, can I?" Lin Huang asked.

"The Twisted Fate Scripture card is unique as it evolved from the Army Attack Tactics. Although it's a mythical-level, there's no restriction in activating it."

"So, I can cultivate it directly?" After confirming that he could activate the mythical-level card, Lin Huang was pumped up and forgot all about his exhaustion from not resting for the past four days.

"Sure, you can take a look at the card description yourself."

Lin Huang summoned the Twisted Fate Scripture card immediately.

"Special Life Skill Card

"Life Skill Name: Twisted Fate Scripture

"Rarity: Mythical

"Mastery Level: Twisted Rotation No. 1 (0/1 million)

"Twisted Nine Rotations: Your physical and spiritual strength, power, speed, and reflexes will be doubled in each rotation. After the nine rotations are completed, your body will transform directly into a Virtual God!

"Fate Nine Rotations: Your authorization is restricted, so the effect is unknown.

"Card Remarks: F*cking awesome!"

It was his first time seeing such an excellent comment from Xiao

Hei on a card. However, he recalled Mr. Fu saying that the cultivation method and Monster Skills that were acquired once he got to transcendent-level would be unlikely to boost his physical strength and other body attributes. Perhaps the cultivation method that he had just obtained was so rare that even Xiao Hei complimented it.

"Does the 0/1 Million in the brackets mean that I'll need one million card pieces to complete the first rotation of cultivation?" Lin Huang asked Xiao Hei.

"Yes."

"Then, how about the second and third rotation?" Lin Huang knew that it was impossible for every rotation to require the same amount of cards pieces. If that were the case, it was too easy to master the Twisted Nine Rotations.

"The requirement of the card pieces will double up in each rotation."

"It can't be. The first rotation requires one million card pieces. Doesn't that mean I'll need more than two billion card pieces for the ninth rotation?" Lin Huang asked in horror.

"That's theoretically right. It's tough to master this cultivation method."

Although the requirement of the card pieces was terrifying, Lin Huang managed to calm himself down quickly. After all, the cultivation method was on mythical-level. Besides, as long as he completed the Twisted Nine Rotations, he would be a Virtual God instantly. Therefore, it made sense for it to be difficult, or else, everyone who practiced the same cultivation method during those days would have become Virtual Gods at the snap of a finger.

"The ninth level of Sorcerer Goddess Tower is a perfect place for cultivation. It would be great if I can stay there to practice the Twisted Fate Scripture." On the ninth level of the tower, the speed

of obtaining card pieces was more than 20 times faster than being out there. Figuring that he would need a huge number of card pieces for the Twisted Fate Scripture, Lin Huang planned to stay on the tower to practice.

"Tomorrow will be the last day. The people from the Union Government will kill you if you don't leave," Xiao Hei reminded.

"I know that. It's such a bummer." Lin Huang shook his head helplessly. "Since I still have a half day left tomorrow, I shall see how many Twisted Fate Scripture card pieces I can get."

"Oh, you've finally woken up! Bai Gu's looking for you." The gigantic face appeared on the ceiling before Lin Huang managed to start his practice.

Chapter 726: The Weather's Great to Walk Your Dog

As Lin Huang was sent from the ninth level to the first level of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower, he walked straight towards the living room that Bai Gu was usually in. Just as he was going to knock on the door, he heard Bai Gu's voice.

"You don't have to do that. Come and have a seat."

Lin Huang walked in to see Bai Gu seated with his legs crossed in front of the coffee table as he gestured for him to take a seat. Lin Huang took his seat and asked immediately, "Are you looking for me, Sir?"

"I heard that somebody is looking for you. It should be about the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance," Bai Gu said directly.

"I think it's Wu Zhi!" Lin Huang frowned. Theoretically, Wu Zhi was the only one who knew that he had gotten the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance. It was quite impossible that Wu Zhi would tell anybody else about it.

"It should be him. I don't think anybody else can persuade those powerful people to share where his descendants' tribe is." Bai Gu nodded.

"You mean there are others besides him?" Lin Huang frowned even deeper.

"Yes, almost every powerful person in each tribe is coming. There're even demigods. It only makes sense that they're only coming for the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance." Bai Gu looked at Lin Huang with his empty eye sockets.

"How would they know where I am?" Lin Huang could not understand it.

"They've no idea where exactly you are, but Wu Zhi has his way

to find your coordinates as long as you're outside of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower. Unless you're in the Sorcerer Goddess Tower, then he won't find out where you are. But there are only 12 Sorcerer Goddess Towers in this land and only seven of them welcome humans. All he's got to do is to visit these seven tribes, and he'll find out where you are.

"He's visited four footholds this afternoon, and I'm guessing he'll be here next. Leave as soon as you can. You'll be safe once you get back to your world," Bai Gu suggested.

"He'll find out that I was hiding at your foothold if I run away, and he'll definitely come after you guys." Lin Huang was confident of the outcome as Wu Zhi was clearly evil. To prevent the news from spreading, he might kill the entire tribe.

"Our tribe will be in bigger trouble if you stay," Bai Gu spoke the truth. "I'll settle whatever's coming for us after you leave."

Lin Huang went into silence. He was thinking how he could settle this. He could not just leave like that and let Bai Gu settle Wu Zhi, but he could not stay either.

"Alright then, I'll leave." Lin Huang made his decision a while later.

"Lin Huang, this Wu Zhi has great greed. The Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance must not fall into his hands, or else, there'll be disaster for your new era," Bai Gu reminded.

"I know, the Sorcerer Goddess has told me about him."

"Pack your stuff. I'll send you out later. My Witchcraft should be able to isolate you from Wu Zhi's detection for a short period of time."

"You don't have to do that. I've already pinned the coordinates of the floating land border earlier. There's nothing much for me to pack." Lin Huang shook his head as he rejected Bai Gu's kindness.

"If there's nothing else, I'll leave now."

Bai Gu nodded.

"Leave as soon as you arrive at the border. Don't reveal yourself too much when you're back to where you're from. He's a Virtual God after all, so I'm not sure what he's capable of. It's better to be safe than sorry."

"I know. Thank you, Sir and the rest, for your time spent taking care of me." Lin Huang smiled and nodded. "Don't worry about me. I've quite some enemies, but I managed to survive until now. Although my combat level is just mediocre, I have some pretty neat survival skills."

"Even so, don't underestimate any of your enemies," Bai Gu reminded again.

"Yes, I understand." Lin Huang gave a short response and stood up slowly from the futon. "Alright, I shall make a move now."

Bai Gu stood up as well. "Let me send you off."

The both of them walked out of the Sorcerer Goddess Tower. It was near midnight, and there were red and purple crescent moons hanging high up in the sky. There were so bright that they masked the stars around them.

Most of the people had fallen asleep. Although they were now dolls, they went on with their daily lives as usual. As they walked out of the tower, the gigantic face appeared and watched Lin Huang quietly. Lin Huang nodded at the face with a smile while the latter nodded back without saying a word.

As he arrived ten meters away from the Sorcerer Goddess Tower entrance, Lin Huang summoned his dimensional relic. Bai Gu watched him quietly by the entrance. After adjusting the coordinates, he then stepped into the dimensional relic without thinking twice. Before the dimensional relic shut, he turned around to wave at Bai Gu and the huge face. Bai Gu waved back too. They watched the dimensional relic close slowly, fade away

and disappear.

"Goodbye, human kid from the new era," Bai Gu mumbled.

"Leader, do you really like him?" The gigantic face looked at Bai Gu questioningly.

"Since the Sorcerer Goddess picked him, I shall trust her choice." Bai Gu nodded without hesitation.

"There will be a war among the tribes because of him. Is it worth it?" The face asked again.

"There's no saying whether it's worth it or not. Our conflict has been piling up for tens of thousands of years. The war is unavoidable anyway. It's just a matter of time. Lin Huang's appearance is just a trigger. After all, he's taken the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance with him, so we've completed our mission. There's no need for us to worry anymore. We don't belong to this new era anyway. We've been living for more than 30,000 years. Isn't that enough?"

"That's enough..." The face nodded while forcing a smile.

"Get everyone ready to fight. Also, inform the tribes to get ready." Bai Gu pointed with his walking stick.

"Wu Zhi, how dare you show yourself since you were a traitor before? How dare you come for the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance? Don't blame us if we have to attack you!"

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A black dimensional relic opened slowly thousands of kilometers away, and a person walked out of it at the border of the floating land. It was Lin Huang who had just left the foothold. After recalling the dimensional relic, he summoned Bloody instead of leaving the floating land immediately.

"Find out where Zhu Xing is."

Bloody's Leech Pods spread across the entire land and soon it got

the results after searching with its eyes closed.

"Got him. But this guy is dangerous. My Leech Pods can't get too close to him, or else, he'll definitely find out."

"It's okay as long as you know his rough location."

Bloody projected the image that it found. In the projection, Zhu Xing was resting with his eyes closed in front of a bonfire. Suddenly, his eyes flew wide open with excitement.

"Human named Lin, you've finally shown yourself!"

"I think we've exposed ourselves." Although Bloody could not hear Zhu Xing's voice, it could read his lips and knew what he had just mumbled to himself.

"Really?" Lin Huang smirked as he looked at the red and purple crescent moons in the sky.

"The weather's great today. It's best to bring your dog for a walk."

Chapter 727: Something Is Wrong with the Coordinates?

In the monitor, Zhu Xin was seen getting up quickly. It was not easy for him to detect Lin Huang's location. It was apparent that he would not miss it if he had a chance of killing Lin Huang.

"I've finally found the guy. He's in the seven o'clock direction and is approximately 6,000 kilometers away from us. He's at the border of the land!" Zhu Xing shouted at the rest of the tribal members. "We have to get there as soon as possible. We can't let him leave the land. Lie Kong, bring me there. The rest can stay here and wait for the latest updates."

The man called Lie Kong was a snow giant. However, it was evident that it was neither a wild monster nor a pet monster. Instead, its body was occupied by a tribal member.

The snow giant took a step forward and appeared in front of Zhu Xing. It lowered its head and asked, "Do you have the exact location?"

Zhu Xing's hand swept past the sky and soon, a square map that was about a meter wide formed. Unexpectedly, it was the map of the floating land.

"Our location is represented by the white dot whereas the red dot represents the fella's position." Zhu Xing simply touched the map and two white and red dots appeared.

The snow giant stared at the map for a moment and nodded its head. "Alright, I know. Let's go!"

Zhu Xing acknowledged it and leaped onto the snow giant's shoulder.

As the snow giant waved its hand, a whirlpool was quickly produced in front of him amidst the snow. He then strode into the whirlpool.

After a short while, as the whirlpool faded away, the snow giant's gigantic body and Zhu Xing had disappeared.

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Although the monitoring scene projected by the Leech Pods was a certain distance away, the actions of Zhu Xing's and the rest were clearly monitored by Lin Huang and Bloody. Bloody translated even the movements of their lips through lip-reading.

Seeing the map being projected in front of Zhu Xing and that he was their target, Lin Huang chuckled and summoned the Golden Wheel.

The Golden Wheel was a supreme relic. He obtained it after he killed the Saint member, Yu Wenbin. To avoid getting into trouble, Lin Huang had changed its color to white. Even the decorations on the dimensional relic were changed, and he rarely used it. When he set the coordinates in the Black Ink, he saved it in the Golden Wheel as well.

Since it was a supreme relic, there was no restriction on the interval of its usage. Moreover, the distance it could travel was way further than the Black Ink since it was a 4-star relic.

Watching the snow giant in the monitoring screen summon the Dimensional Whirlpool, Lin Huang grinned as he pushed the door of the Golden Wheel open. As he entered, he instructed, "Bloody, let's walk the dog!"

After a few moments, the Golden Wheel automatically closed. It vanished in thin air as it transformed into small, minute pieces.

Lin Huang disappeared as well with Bloody twisted around his arm.

Less than three seconds after Lin Huang disappeared, a snow whirlpool formed hundreds of meters away from where he was standing at earlier. An enormous shadow then appeared with a person standing on its shoulder.

As soon as they arrived, they looked around, and no traces of Lin Huang could be found.

"Is something wrong with the coordinates?" The snow giant turned his head back and asked the plump man.

"There shouldn't be any problem with the coordinates. This guy must be somewhere around here. The result won't deviate further than 300 meters." Zhu Xing was confident.

"Nothing is blocking our view here. We can look around the area up to a few kilometers away." The snow giant started sizing up the surrounding. However, they discovered nothing.

"I'll try detecting it again." Zhu Xing frowned. He then summoned The Book of Sorcerer Dao. He bit his finger anxiously and started flipping through the book until specks of blood stained the pages.

A complicated chain of Witchcraft Rune formed in mid-air. However, the rune was blood red in color.

After a short while, the bloody rune glowed and transformed into a red ring, spreading everywhere. It resembled a stone being thrown into a pool of water and forming ripples on the surface of the water.

As the whirlpool spread wider and wider, the color faded. It became transparent when it was one kilometer away. It was hardly noticeable.

Of course, Lin Huang, who was thousands of kilometers away monitored what just happened through Bloody's Leech Pods.

"It's within my expectations. He's going to pay for it since he used the detection skill. As for the weeping blood rune, if it's used three to five times a day, one's body will collapse." Lin Huang grinned.

"The detection technique of the chain rune is incredible. It's going to continue for 24 hours if the target isn't detected. However, if the target enters the detection region within 24 hours,

one will be immediately targeted. That's how you were discovered," Bloody analyzed the effect of the chain rune at first glance.

"It's useless. Tomorrow is the 10th of August. It's the deadline when we have to leave. Even if he can still use the detection technique for ten times, he won't be able to catch up with me. Moreover, the number of usages of the weeping blood rune is restricted. A large portion of the snow giant's energy will be drained due to its teleporting ability. However, as long as I have sufficient energy crystals, I can use the dimensional relic non-stop." Lin Huang was calm because he was confident that Zhu Xing would not be able to catch up with him.

"Be careful since he used to be a Virtual God in the past." Bloody was still on alert.

"Alright. I've been targeted. Let's go." From the monitoring screen, Lin Huang saw that Zhu Xing had marked his location on the map again. He then summoned the Golden Wheel.

Noticing the snow whirlpool which was created by the snow giant again, Lin Huang then pushed against the door of the Golden Wheel and strode into it.

After two to three seconds, Zhu Xing and the snow giant appeared where Lin Huang had just disappeared. They were less than 100 meters away from it. However, Lin Huang had gone missing again.

As they arrived, they looked around again. Of course, no traces of Lin Huang were found.

"How could that be?" Zhu Xing frowned. He had no idea why there was nobody at both of the coordinates.

"Are you sure that there's nothing wrong with your detection technique?" The snow giant asked again. It seemed to have assumed that the problem arose from Zhu Xing's detection skill.

"That's impossible. I've used this skill thousands of times, and it's never made a single mistake." Zhu Xing shook his head, sure of his skill.

"Could the fella have something which will affect the result of the detection?" The snow giant suggested after keeping quiet for a while.

"That's possible. However, if he has any god relic that's hindered me from detecting his location, the detection must've been directly blocked, and I won't be able to use my skill. It won't lead me to the wrong location though. Perhaps the god relic that he has is rather unique. While it doesn't block me from detecting his location, the results will deviate from reality, or an illusion might happen. It might be activated passively," Zhu Xing guessed.

"If that's the reason, are we still going to chase after them?" The snow giant hesitated. Though it was a demigod, a significant amount of his energy was drained each time teleportation was performed.

"Yes, of course. We aren't going to stop until he's captured! We aren't going to lose anything since we'll definitely have a chance to track him!" Zhu Xing insisted.

Chapter 728: There's No Charge for Setting Him Up

Through Bloody's monitoring screen, the conversation between Zhu Xing and the snow giant could clearly be observed. Bloody read their lips to discover what they were talking about.

"They think that we have the god relic which distorted their detection result."

Lin Huang was looking at the monitoring screen, shaking his head and said, "It's great that they think so. At least, they think that their results have been distorted instead of someone monitoring them."

"It seems like they won't stop chasing us," Bloody reminded.

"If they wish to continue chasing after us, let's play with them." Lin Huang was optimistic as he was not afraid of being caught at all.

Seeing that Zhu Xing had reset the coordinates, Lin Huang summoned the Golden Wheel again and disappeared together with Bloody.

Again, Zhu Xing and the snow giant missed their target as they arrived.

Still, they were not giving up. Zhu Xing bit on his finger again as he tried to detect Lin Huang's position.

The entire process was repeated for seven to eight times. The time needed for Zhu Xing to activate the detection rune got longer and longer. The snow giant started swallowing energy crystals as well to restore its energy that had been drained.

"Zhu Xing has activated the weeping blood rune about eight times now without collapsing. He's amazing." Lin Huang laughed.

"Blood acts as an agent in the rune. What is mainly being drained

is one's mental strength. With Zhu Xing's mind, he won't be able to support this type of rune for too many times. However, Wu Zhi is the one who's living in his body. He's somehow a Virtual God in the past." Bloody was still wary of Wu Zhi since he used to be a Virtual God. "The demigod snow giant who possesses teleportation isn't friendly as well. With its ability, it can easily freeze me, and I'll have nowhere to run away to."

"Of course, I know that I'm putting my life at risk. If I leave one to two seconds earlier, the coordinates located by Zhu Xing will be my new location. If I'm a second slower, we'll bump into each other. However, if I don't bother with anything and just leave the land, they'll get Bai Gu into trouble." Lin Huang did not want anyone to get into trouble because of him.

"Bai Gu is gathering the other members to fight Wu Zhi." After a moment of silence, Bloody told him the truth. "There are Leech Pods in Bai Gu's territory, and Bai Gu was the one who said this."

"Why do they want to fight? Is it because of me?" Lin Huang frowned.

"Perhaps you're the spark..." Bloody said, projecting the conversation between Bai Gu and the broad face.

After watching the projection, Lin Huang kept quiet for a long while.

Bai Gu had an incisive mind. He knew what he should have done and what he should not have. At the same time, he knew how to make a wise decision.

Since Lin Huang had obtained the inheritance, Bai Gu could actually kill him and grab the memory that he had inherited. However, instead of doing so, he chose to protect Lin Huang.

In the projection, there was a sentence that came up: "You've been living for more than 30,000 years. Isn't that enough?"

Lin Huang was respectful to the elder as he treated death as

nothing.

"It's an inevitable battle," Bloody said, staring at Lin Huang. "Even if we were to leave, we won't make a difference to the situation."

Lin Huang lowered his head, remaining quiet for a long while. He then slowly raised his head and said, "Tomorrow is the deadline. We shall leave tomorrow. I wish that I can fight together with them until the last minute."

Bloody looked at Lin Huang who was so adamant about his decision. Knowing that it would be useless to say anything, Bloody then replied, "Alright, since you've made up your mind, I'll be there with you until the last minute."

As soon as he managed to escape from Zhu Xing, Lin Huang and Bloody appeared in an empty, snowy land.

"If we continue escaping, we won't make any difference aside from buying us some time," Bloody said.

"Do you have any other ideas?" Lin Huang asked.

"Since we've already put our lives at risk, we probably won't mind if the situation gets a little bit more dangerous." Bloody chuckled. "Let's draw them to a foothold where monsters gather or where powerful monsters live. Let's create some trouble for the both of them."

"That's a good idea." Lin Huang's eyes brightened.

"I've encountered the Frostyape Corpse before. Though it isn't even a demigod, its ability is on par with one. Each teleport uses up a large portion of the snow giant's energy. I guess that they'll be in trouble if they're drawn to the Frostyape Corpse's territory. Previously, to save myself from being attacked by those stronger than me, I've saved the coordinates of the imperial-level monster's territory whenever I pass by."

"Let's go there and get them into trouble!" Despite it being an evil

plan, Bloody did not feel guilty at all. It even sounded remarkably calm.

"I didn't know you'd have such a wicked plan," Lin Huang teased.

"To deal with an enemy, any tactic can be used." Bloody remained calm.

From the monitoring screen, they saw that Zhu Xing had located their coordinates again. Lin Huang then summoned the Golden Wheel and fixed the location to somewhere near the Frostyape Corpse's territory.

As the snow giant's Dimensional Whirlpool was formed once again, he entered the Golden Wheel together with Bloody.

When they got out of the Golden Wheel, Lin Huang returned to the Frostyape Corpse's territory where he had been a month ago.

After recognizing the direction, Lin Huang found the place where the Frostyape Corpse hid. He restrained his aura, floating in the safe zone outside the Frostyape Corpse's territory. They then waited patiently for Zhu Xing and the snow giant to arrive.

Ten minutes later, just when Zhu Xing's rune was being created, Lin Huang grinned and summoned the Golden Wheel. At the same time, the Book of Sorcerer Dao was being summoned as well.

As Zhu Xing was flipping the Book of Sorcerer Dao quickly to the last page, Lin Huang pressed his hand against the rune. A golden rune was formed swiftly in the air.

"Snow transformation!" As Lin Huang pointed the finger at it, the rune transformed into a dazzling, golden glow which enveloped the entire region where the Frostyape Corpse was hiding. The whole area was like snow being quickly melted by high temperature. In less than three minutes, the Frostyape Corpse became a big, black pit.

A few moments later, a furious roar was heard coming out from the pit.

From Bloody's monitoring screen, the snow giant's Dimensional Whirlpool was generated.

"I hope that you'll appreciate my gift." Lin Huang grinned as he pushed the door of the Golden Wheel open and entered.

The next moment when Lin Huang disappeared, the furious Frostyape Corpse emerged from the underground. At the same time when it appeared, the snow giant and Zhu Xing strode out of the Dimensional Whirlpool.

Chapter 729: Snow Giant VS Frostyape Corpse

The moment Zhu Xing and the snow giant stepped out of the Dimensional Whirlpool, a Frostyape Corpse could be seen from afar, emerging from underground.

The Frostyape Corpse pounced on the both of them without a moment of hesitation as soon as it saw Zhu Xing and the snow giant.

It did not see Lin Huang and thought that the both of them were the culprits who woke it up from its sleep. Fuelled by anger, it completely ignored the fact that the snow giant was actually a demigod.

Zhu Xing and the snow giant were stunned when they saw that the Frostyape Corpse was pouncing on them. They were actually chasing Lin Huang and did not expect to encounter an imperial-level monster.

The Frostyape Corpse was tremendous as it measured a height of at least 700 meters. It was about 20 times larger than the snow giant whereas Zhu Xing looked precisely like an ant compared to the Frostyape Corpse.

In an instant, it appeared in front of the both of them. It lifted its leg and stomped hard on the both of them.

"Beast, do you want to die?!" Zhu Xing yelled. He used to be a Virtual God and was not looked down upon by imperial-level monsters. However, this monster dared to even step on him, and he could no longer stand it.

The snow giant's eyes flashed with a trace of fury. It was a demigod and was now provoked by the imperial-level monster.

It struck a blow in the air and soon, a huge arm that was made of snow instantly formed in the air. It then collided with the

Frostyape Corpse's blue foot.

Bang!

As they collided with each other, a loud explosion was heard. A blast wave was produced in the air, rippling out everywhere.

A strong wind blew ferociously, and of course, the snow giant remained steady. Standing behind him, Zhu Xing was unaffected as well. However, the Frostyape Corpse was blown away, and soon, it collapsed.

Obviously, regardless of its size, the gap in combat strength could hardly be compensated.

"Hmm?" After a few moments, the snow giant frowned.

Zhu Xing frowned as well. "Is it still alive?"

The Frostyape Corpse's body slowly got up off the ground as it shot them a deadly stare.

"I've almost used up all my strength to hit it!" The snow giant did not turn its head back. Instead, it stared at the Frostyape Corpse with fear as it said that to Zhu Xing.

"The Frostyape Corpse is about to gather its Godhead. I guess we won't be able to leave this place if we don't defeat it." As Zhu Xing carefully sized up the Frostyape Corpse, he then realized that it was not an ordinary imperial-level monster.

"If I didn't keep teleporting and draining my strength significantly, I'd have killed it!" The snow giant scoffed.

"It seems like it's flipping out," Zhu Xing said, pointing in the direction where the Frostyape Corpse was. He did not comment on the snow giant's last remark.

As the Frostyape Corpse got up from the ground, its pair of blue eyes instantly turned black. A layer of ice blue crystal surrounded it like a piece of icy blue armor. Icy thorns were formed on its tail as well.

"Troublesome!" The snow giant grumbled, "I hate spirit types and the undying species the most."

"Why didn't you kill it in one hit?" Zhu Xing retreated hundreds of meters away. It seemed like he was not worried that the snow giant might lose.

The Frostyape Corpse advanced as Zhu Xing retreated. It stomped the ground hard and disappeared at a speed that was several times faster. It then appeared in front of the snow giant in an instant.

"That's fast!"

A flicker of fear flashed through the snow giant's eyes.

The Frostyape Corpse clenched its fist and attacked the snow giant without delay.

At that moment, it seemed like the whole region was shrouded in its icy blue fist. It appeared like the hills were collapsing, and the collapsing hills wholly covered the snow giant.

The snow giant remained calm. The Book of Sorcerer Dao was summoned, and it pressed its hand against one of the pages of the runes.

As soon as the white rune lit up in mid-air, the snow giant was wrapped in a layer of crystal-clear, spherical defense shield.

The Frostyape Corpse's fist, which was the size of a mountain, struck the layer of defense shield. Each attack produced waves that looked like water ripples. However, it failed to break through its defense.

In the defense shield, the snow giant remained calm. The effect of the attack outside the defense shield was rendered useless, and the Frostyape Corpse got even more ferocious.

It did not feel tired and continued thumping the defense shield. It seemed like it was not going to stop unless it could break through

the shield.

In the beginning, the snow giant remained calm. However, it saw that the Frostyape Corpse's attack had lasted for more than ten minutes and cracks started to appear on the defense shield. Moreover, the frequency of the Frostyape Corpse's attacks did not reduce. Instead, it had increased. The snow giant could no longer remain patient.

Since it had just teleported, only a small portion of energy remained in his body. It could not sustain a long battle. The Frostyape Corpse's abilities were beyond its expectations.

Right when the snow giant was thinking how he should end the battle quickly, a crack came from the defense shield.

The snow giant frowned as it saw that the shield was about to break. It pressed its hand against The Book of Sorcerer Dao again.

Just as the defense shield was about to collapse, Glacial Chains were formed, and the Frostyape Corpse's limbs and neck were locked in it.

"This type of monster was born in the snowy land. It's restricted by the Witchcraft to a certain extent since Witchcraft is of the ice element," Zhu Xing said. The snow giant had activated Witchcraft twice. The defense shield that it first built was made of the ice element, and so were the chains. "I know that you've been using the snow giant's body for a long time, and have gotten used to the ice element Witchcraft. However, if you don't stop using the ice element skill and kill it, you might be the one killed."

As soon as Zhu Xing's voice rang out, the Frostyape Corpse that was growling and struggling to survive finally managed to get rid of the Glacial Chains.

The Glacial Chains that locked its body collapsed and broke into pieces, vanishing as they fell to the ground.

Roar!!!

The Frostyape Corpse slapped its own chest as it managed to break free from the Glacial Chains, letting out a furious growl at the snow giant. The ice crystals that surrounded its body got thicker, and it looked even more violent. Its colossal body grew a few times bigger as well.

Chapter 730: Killing the Frostyape Corpse

As soon as it managed to break free from the Glacial Chains, the Frostyape Corpse struck a massive blow. Along with the sound of the wind, its attack hit the snow giant.

The snow giant's facial expression changed. When it was about to use the ice element skill, it thought of what Zhu Xing had just said. It then paused for a moment. At that moment, the Frostyape Corpse's attack hit it, blowing it away like a kite breaking up in the air.

By the time the snow giant was able to react, it had fallen into a pit hundreds of meters away from the snowy land.

Inside the pit, the snow giant was stunned by the fact that a demigod had just been blown away by an imperial-level monster's punch. Despite not being physically injured, it felt its ego bruised.

On the other hand, the Frostyape Corpse was arrogant after the snow giant was attacked in one hit. It then appeared in front of the snow giant in a flash, bringing its huge leg down hard on the snow giant's body.

The snow giant went wild as it was pinned down by an imperial-level monster. How humiliating!

It pressed its hand against The Book of Sorcerer Dao and started inserting power into the book without preserving its power.

A flame red rune formed in the air. A gigantic, red bird then appeared in the sky above the snow giant. It attacked the Frostyape Corpse with its mouth wide open.

Hundreds of flames that resembled meteorites shot into the sky and headed towards the Frostyape Corpse's feet.

A loud bang was heard along with the Frostyape Corpse's furious growl.

The snow giant gradually clambered out of the bottomless pit, and a flicker of fury flashed through its eyes as it watched the battle between the Blazing Bird and the Frostyape Corpse.

"Go die!" It shouted and soon, the snow giant pressed its hand against The Book of Sorcerer Dao again.

Another flaming red rune was produced in the air.

After several moments, Flaming Pythons appeared and wiggled around the Frostyape Corpse.

Since it was defending itself against the Blazing Bird, the Frostyape Corpse had no more effort to deal with the Flaming Pythons. Soon after, it got entangled by the Flaming Pythons.

As the Flaming Pythons entwined around the Frostyape Corpse's body, they transformed into Raging Chains on their own and locked the Frostyape Corpse down. It had no way of breaking through the chains.

The snow giant did not stop there. Once more, it pressed its hand against The Book of Sorcerer Dao. With the remaining power it had in its body, it inserted the power into the book.

Fiery arrows then appeared in mid-air. They looked like they were taken out from a forging furnace as flames surrounded the body of the arrows. The arrows dissipated a terrifying amount of heat, even distorting the air slightly.

After thousands of arrows were formed, the snow giant contemplated the Frostyape Corpse coldly.

The Frostyape Corpse seemed to have sensed that danger was near and started struggling as soon as it saw the shooting arrows.

Since it was locked in the Raging Chains, its efforts to break free from the chains were in vain.

The snow giant pointed at the Frostyape Corpse from afar and said coldly, "Go to hell, dirty monster!"

As the red-hot shooting arrows streaked across the sky rapidly, it produced a kind of friction whereby peculiar red flames were formed. The arrows then struck the Frostyape Corpse.

The Frostyape Corpse was trapped, and at the same time, it was controlled by the Blazing Bird. It could not dodge the arrows at all and was incapable of defending itself against the attack. It then drowned in flames.

As the burning flames shot through the sky, they pierced through the Frostyape Corpse's body. Despite the fact that the Frostyape Corpse had powerful defenses, it could not dodge the attack at all, and the shooting arrows easily broke through its defense layer, resembling steel pins that were nailed into the Frostyape Corpse's body.

The Frostyape Corpse snarled from the pain it suffered. As more and more arrows penetrated its body, its growl got weaker.

The snow giant smiled ruthlessly as it witnessed the Frostyape Corpse no longer being able to fight back. It then pressed its hand against The Book of Sorcerer Dao again.

Right at this moment, a golden rune appeared in the air.

After a short while, an extremely large, blazing cross that was hundreds of meters tall formed above the Frostyape Corpse.

The cross was shrouded in milky white flames.

Before the cross touched the Frostyape Corpse's body, the Frostyape Corpse felt suffocated as a boiling temperature was released into the air. It started struggling and thrashing violently.

Lin Huang, who was watching the fight thousands of meters away through the monitoring screen, could not understand why this would happen.

"Is there anything special about the cross? Why is the Frostyape Corpse so afraid of it?"

"It's not afraid of the cross, but of the holy flame that surrounds the cross," Bloody explained, "The Frostyape Corpse is a spirit type of monster. Naturally, it'll be afraid of God's power. It's obvious that the snow giant's attack intends to kill the Frostyape Corpse."

From the monitoring screen, the large cross gradually descended from the sky and struck the Frostyape Corpse's back.

The Frostyape Corpse tried its best to free itself from the cross. However, after several attempts, it was still defeated. The bones in both of its legs were broken. It fell to the ground, and it could not move at all.

White flames were continually gushing out of the cross. In an instant, the Frostyape Corpse's body was enveloped by the white flames.

The Frostyape Corpse let out a few roars at the beginning. Soon, it started moaning in pain. After a short while, its moan became weaker and eventually disappeared.

The huge body that was shrouded in white flame finally stopped moving after struggling for more than half an hour.

Lin Huang frowned at the sight.

"The demigod is still a demigod. Its skill is terrifying. Though it's weak, it's still an easy task for it to kill an imperial-level monster."

"If it had no concern at the beginning, it might be able to defeat the Frostyape Corpse in one hit. The snow giant is probably the strongest among the demigods," Bloody analyzed, "The Frostyape Corpse managed to buy us some time. At the same time, we've witnessed the snow giant's true power. It's a worthy death."

"We have to increase the difficulty level the next round. If one imperial-level monster is not enough, a group of them might be." Lin Huang projected the floating land's map, fixing his gaze on one of the locations on the map. Again, he grinned.

Chapter 731: Arctic Dragons

"The monster is so annoying! I'm going to have to kill it to make me feel good!" Seeing that the Frostyape Corpse had died, the snow giant then recalled The Book of Sorcerer Dao.

"You've almost used up the power in your body. Let's take a break before we proceed to our next destination." Zhu Xing suggested. He then walked slowly toward the Frostyape Corpse's territory and lowered his head to look at the pit Lin Huang made. He returned after a moment, and although he was deep in thought, he did not say anything.

The snow giant sat cross-legged, and after swallowing an energy crystal, it began restoring the energy in its body.

Soon, an hour passed, and the snow giant opened its eyes to say to Zhu Xing, "Let's go."

"How much power have you restored?" Zhu Xing asked.

"About 30% of my power has been restored. Even if we encounter a monster like the Frostyape Corpse, I'll have enough power to handle it." The snow giant answered.

"30%..." Zhu Xing frowned. He vaguely felt that restoring only 30% of its total power might not be enough.

"Quickly set the next location and stop wasting time!" the snow giant urged, "There are only a few hours left until the deadline set by the Union Government."

"Alright..." Zhu Xing had to compromise with it after he put some thought to the deadline set by the Union Government.

After spending about 10 minutes to acquire Lin Huang's position, the snow giant then summoned a Dimensional Whirlpool.

As they entered the Dimensional Whirlpool, both of them wore a serious look because their next destination was a lair of the Arctic

Dragon.

As both of them arrived, a few of the dragons shot a deadly stare in their direction.

Obviously, Lin Huang was the one who set them up.

Lin Huang quickly made a detour as he passed by the Arctic Dragon lair earlier. He never knew that the place would be so useful to him now.

"There is more than one Arctic Dragon... Is it because we didn't look at the almanac today?" The snow giant was speechless.

"Don't you know that? We've been tricked." Zhu Xing could confirm that this encounter was not accidental at all.

"We've been tricked?" The snow giant could not understand why.

"Yes. If I'm not mistaken, that person set us up at the beginning." Zhu Xing could guess that Lin Huang was the one who did it. He dared not look down on him at all as he managed to grab the Sorcerer Goddess' inheritance.

"Do you mean that he's been fooling us all the while? Did he purposely lure us to the Frostyape Corpse's territory and the Arctic Dragon's lair?" After being reminded by Zhu Xing, it finally dawned on the snow giant.

"Yes, you're right. I think he's probably monitoring us with some kind of skill. That's why he managed to act before us." Zhu Xin made another guess.

"Let's discuss this later. Our main concern now is to overcome the danger before us," the snow giant whispered. Soon, they ended their conversation because it was not the right time to discuss the topic. Surrounded by a few Arctic Dragons, even the demigod snow giant felt like they were in trouble.

"There are six of them. Are you capable of fighting them?" Seeing the Arctic Dragons approach them, Zhu Xing asked.

"Yes, when I have full power but now, I'm... Let's run." Despite the snow giant was reluctant to flee, still, it decided to escape after thinking of it carefully.

It seemed like the few of the Arctic Dragons opposite them had lost interest in the both of them after sizing them up.

After secretly communicating with each other, the Arctic Dragons opened their mouth wide and spat frost at the both of them.

At this moment, the snow giant grabbed Zhu Xing as it transformed into lightning to flee as the frost spread around them.

Seeing the snow giant's attempt to escape, the six Arctic Dragons fluttered their wings and chased after them.

Thousands of meters away, Lin Huang and Bloody could clearly see what just happened.

"It seemed like the demigod isn't unconquerable after all. They're being chased by the six Arctic Dragons as well." Lin Huang grinned.

"If his strength is fully recovered, it won't be difficult for it to kill the six Arctic Dragons if it wanted to. However, only about 30% of its power is in its body. It's definitely not a wise choice to fight them head-on." Bloody felt that retreat was a better option for the snow giant. "They aren't stupid. Encountering two monster attacks in a row, they must've known that we're the one who's behind it all. Perhaps, we can't do this anymore since they'll be prepared for it."

Despite not being able to hear the conversation between Zhu Xing and the snow giant, Bloody could roughly guess that their plan had been revealed.

"Naturally, that'll happen eventually. It's just a matter of time." Everything was within Lin Huang's expectation.

"What's your next plan?" Bloody asked.

"I still have a gift for them. I wonder if they can take it." Lin Huang laughed like an evil maniac.

Bloody was stunned. Soon, a thought flashed through its mind as it asked, "Do you mean... that?"

"Yes, I do." Lin Huang smiled, nodding his head.

"That's too dangerous. If we're not careful enough, we might get involved as well," Bloody said fearfully.

"It'll be fine. The thing is related to Wu Mo. Since I have Wu Mo's inheritance as well as the Sorcerer Goddess blood, it's less likely that I'll attack me. However, I'll send you back into your card form before we go. It probably won't be a problem." Lin Huang was firm on his decision. "After this, if they manage to survive, I don't think they'll have the guts to mess with me anymore..."

"The probability of survival is low. You have to be careful as well. Although you have the Sorcerer Goddess blood, safety is not certain, especially since so many years had passed. We don't know if it still remembers Wu Mo's aura." Bloody reminded Lin Huang worriedly.

"I'll be careful. If something feels off, I'll flee immediately." Lin Huang smiled, nodding his head.

After a short while, he saw that the Arctic Dragons had caught up with Zhu Xing and the snow giant from the monitoring screen. Their battle had begun.

After about 1.5 hours, the snow giant and Zhu Xing finally killed the six Arctic Dragons together but they had almost used up all of their strength.

After resting for about two hours, the sky began to brighten. They were now ready to take Lin Huang on again.

Chapter 732: The Fearsome Fading Petals

As they strode out of the Golden Wheel, Lin Huang appeared at the foot of the iceberg. He then raised his head and looked toward the frost covered mountains.

"Where's the exact location?" he lowered his head and asked bloody.

"It's inside the third iceberg. As for the actual location, you might have to look around." Bloody projected a map where the coordinates were marked.

After remembering the coordinates, he nodded his head at Bloody and said, "I'll handle the rest. I'll return you to your card form so you won't be attacked."

"I'll switch the authority for controlling the leech pods monitoring Zhu Xing and the snow giant to you." Bloody nodded. "You'll be able to control the leech pods. Although it might be difficult for you to control a large number them at the same time, it's not difficult to control one leech pod."

As Bloody said this, it extended its antennae and twisted them around Lin Huang's left arm. After a short while, a purple dot was released on Lin Huang's palm.

"This is the specular pod. As long as you're able to stay focused, you'll be able to obtain the authority over the control of the leech pods. You can also monitor what's happening over there through the pods," Bloody explained, "I've actually been developing these specular pods for a long time. However, this is the first time I've used them. I've tested them quite extensively in the past so there shouldn't be any problems. Give it a try."

Lin Huang nodded. He focused on the specular pods and soon, he could see the monitoring screen.

From the monitoring screen, he could see that Zhu Xing had

began pinpointing his whereabouts with a skill.

As he withdrew his attention from the specular pods, Lin Huang nodded in satisfaction and said, "It's convenient to use, and the monitoring screen is clear."

"Zhu Xing has started pinpointing your location. You should go now." Bloody saw what was happening over there so it reminded him.

"I'll recall you into your card form then." Lin Huang said. Soon, Bloody returned to its card form and he headed toward the third iceberg.

When he arrived at the third iceberg, it took him a few minutes to locate the exact position Bloody had saved earlier.

Seeing the unappealing icy blue flower that was blowing in the wind, Lin Huang knew that he had arrived at his destination.

The height of the plant was only half of a regular person's height. The entire plant only had a small, icy blue flower. It looked like a flower of a lotus that was even smaller and was only half the size of a human palm.

The flower was being shaken around by the cold air as it gave off a pitiful look.

Although Lin Huang saw the flower from afar, he dared not move forward. Others may not know what type of plant it was but Lin Huang clearly knew that it was more dangerous than the demigod Wu Zhi who reigned supreme tens of thousands of year ago.

While Lin Huang lingered in fear without getting any closer, the icy blue flower faded away. It puzzled Lin Huang but soon, the plant reappeared less than a meter away from him, lingering before him while it slowly swirled.

Lin Huang attempted to hold his breath since he was quite fearful of the flower.

At that moment, a blue mist was released from the flower, and Lin Huang's body was enveloped by the mist. He did not dare to dodge so he stood there, not even moving a muscle.

After a short while, a beam of purple light appeared between Lin Huang's eyebrows, and a semi-transparent purple crystal was gradually projected in front of his eyebrows.

Lin Huang knew that it was the projection of the Sorcerer Goddess blood.

The icy blue flower shivered as it saw the projection. Then, it quickly withdrew the blue mist that covered Lin Huang's body. A soft sound was heard coming from the flower but Lin Huang had no idea what it meant. Then, it began collapsing and soon, it reappeared where Lin Huang first saw it, hundreds of meters away. It seemed like it never even moved.

Lin Huang knew that danger had finally passed.

He was slightly relieved, and he began focusing on the specular pod in his palm.

In the monitoring screen, Zhu Xing had just completed drawing the detection rune that had pinpointed Lin Huang's current location.

Lin Huang grinned as he patiently waited for the projection of the map. The snow giant would soon summon its Dimensional Whirlpool.

Upon seeing both of them getting ready to enter the whirlpool, Lin Huang summoned the Golden Wheel and strode into it.

The ice-blue flower did not stop Lin Huang from doing anything, allowing Lin Huang to leave.

After the Golden Wheel closed, a whirlpool that was less than 20 meters away from it was formed, and two figures strode out of the whirlpool.

Just as Zhu Xing and the snow giant was sent to the new location, they saw the icy blue flower, putting grave expressions on their face.

"Are those the... Fading Petals?!" The snow giant asked, trembling.

"Run!" Zhu Xing did not bother to answer its question and shouted. He then turned around and fled.

As the God of the tribal members, he knew fairly well how fearsome the Fading Petals were.

It was an abyssal plant planted by the one True God, Wu Mo more than 10,000 years ago. Since it was cared for by Wu Mo, it possessed a terrifying ability that was comparable to the Virtual God that lived tens of thousands of years ago. Consuming demigod monsters as its food, it was a predator at the top of the food chain. Although more than 10,000 years had passed, aside from Wu Mo, even Virtual Gods would become its food.

The Fading Petals showed no mercy except for Wu Mo. This was the reason why Zhu Xing and the snow giant became limp as they attempted to run away in different directions after bumping into the Fading Petals.

After the both of them moved, the Fading Petals disappeared from its original position again and reappeared before the snow giant, blocking its way.

Seeing the icy blue flower appear in front of him, the snow giant shivered as its back became drenched in sweat. It attempted to escape but it was enveloped by the flower's blue mist.

After a short while, the snow giant's body distorted as if it was being crushed by an invisible hand.

The snow giant could not defend against the blue mist that was crushing its body. It let out a pitiful growl which lasted for less than 10 seconds before its huge body became limp and collapsed. It

had died.

The huge dead body that was enveloped by blue mist disappeared after several moments before the blue mist cleared.

The snow giant was killed in less than half a minute. Zhu Xing did not even bother to turn his head around as he continued running.

However, the icy blue flower appeared again and blocked his way.

Zhu Xing's pupils dilated as he begged, "Please don't do this to me. I'm a tribal member. I'm Wu Mo's subordinate..."

However, the Fading Petals did not seem to understand what he was trying to say as the blue mist began enveloping his body.

Soon, Zhu Xing's body was getting crushed like the snow giant earlier. After a few moments, his body collapsed and transformed into jade-like phalanges.

The icy blue flower let out a furious growl and soon, the phalanges were engulfed by the blue mist as well.

Hundreds of meters away, Zhu Xing took a deep breath of relief. "I almost died. Thank god for this God item that saved my life."

Chapter 733: Hunting for Zhu Xing!

Seeing that he was now hundreds of meters away from the Fading Petals, Zhu Xing concluded that he had finally rid himself of it so he stopped running. He had expended a large amount of strength in his attempt to escape.

'This guy is really skilled. He managed to almost kill me by using the Fading Petals.' Zhu Xing thought fearfully about the Fading Petals.

He would not have dared to provoke the Fading Petals in the past even while he was at the peak of his strength, let alone in his current form after parasitizing an immortal-level body. He could very well turn into food for it if his skill did not activate in time

"The Fading Petals chased after Lie Kong before me. I think Lie Kong is dead..." Zhu Xing did not see the snow giant getting killed but he could guess that the snow giant had fallen. It was impossible that the Fading Petals would let go of a demigod to give chase to him.

"There are a few hours left until the deadline set by the Union Government. Without Lie Kong's teleportation ability, I won't be able to chase after that person any longer. I'll remember this forever. After leaving the floating land in the near future, he'll have to pay for what he has done!" Zhu Xing's eyes flashed with a trace of fury.

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After summoning Bloody, Lin Huang finally felt like he had vented his anger after witnessing the snow giant dying and Zhu Xing fleeing clumsily through Bloody's projection. He felt lucky because he was now safe.

He knew that the Fading Petals was terrifying. However, it was not until he saw the demigod snow giant suffering before it died on

the screen that he realized how fearsome the Fading Petals were. It was hundreds of times scarier than what he could ever imagine.

"The Fading Petals hail from the abyss and is simply too terrifying." Lin Huang sighed. "I guess Zhu Xing is too afraid to come after me anymore."

As seen from the monitoring screen, Zhu Xing looked like a frightened bird. Lin Huang knew that he would no longer be able to cause any trouble for him any longer.

"Without teleportation, it'll be difficult for him to locate you." Bloody laughed.

"Unfortunately, Zhu Xing is still alive." Lin Huang was upset.

"He was a Virtual God in the past, and he's quite skilled." It was within Bloody's expectation. "At least the result is a positive one, and you've temporarily rid yourself of one of the biggest problems you're facing."

"As you said, this is just a temporary plan. I'm pretty sure Zhu Xing will still get me into trouble after we leave this place." Lin Huang knew that Zhu Xing would not give up a chance for him to exact revenge on him.

"What are you going to do? Kill him before leaving the floating land?" Bloody asked.

"It's definitely difficult to kill him but now is the best timing. He's alone and he doesn't have a guardian with him. Also, he's just completed parasitizing his new body so his combat strength must be at its weakest point now. Once he recovered his combat strength to the level of a Virtual God, it'll difficult to kill him." Lin Huang wanted him dead because he was a threat and was eager to kill him so that nothing would happen in the future. "He won't expect that I'm planning to kill him now."

"Regardless of how weak he is, he's still an immortal-level rank-9. His ability is on par with someone at the imperial-level. His escape

from the Fading Petals is proof enough of his power. Even if you were to start a fight with him, the probability of defeating him will be extremely low. Also, the number of times you can use your skills against him will be reduced each time they're activated. Are you still going to give it a try?" Bloody disagreed with Lin Huang.

"Let's give it a try. We'll flee if the plan fails. If the plan succeeds, we'll be able to rid ourselves of this danger permanently. I think it worth a bet." Lin Huang insisted.

"Since you've made up your mind, let's make a wager. However, we'll need to discuss the details of the plan." Bloody failed to persuade Lin Huang so it had to agree with him.

Thousands of kilometers away, he gave up the thought of chasing after Lin Huang after confirming that he managed to escape from danger and headed towards the gathering point of the tribal members. Despite being unsure of the person who took Lin Huang in the past, he was ready to fend anyone of them off. 'All the tribal members who were friendly to humans were traitors! They should be killed!'

Of course, Zhu Xing did not know that he had become Lin Huang's target. Each and every action of his was being monitored by Lin Huang.

"Based on the direction that he's headed in... Is he going to meet the tribal members? Lin Huang frowned after seeing Bloody's projection.

"Yes. According to his current flight speed, he'll meet with the tribal members in 1.5 hours at most." Bloody nodded. "If we want to kill him, we'll have to do it before they meet."

Lin Huang nodded as he projected the map of the floating land. Soon, they managed to pinpoint Zhu Xing's location. He pointed at it and said, "He's there! About 200 kilometers away. It must be somewhere near the coordinates that I saved in my dimensional relic earlier. Please help me estimate his path. We'll have to block

his way and kill him!"

"Alright!" Bloody replied.

After summoning the Golden Wheel, Lin Huang and Bloody were sent to a place that was thousands of kilometers ahead of Zhu Xing.

"Let's head toward two o'clock. There's a forest situated about 25 kilometers that way. We can hide there since Zhu Xing is definitely going to pass by that place." Lin Huang recalled the Golden Wheel while Bloody estimated Zhu Xing's path.

"Let's wait for him over there." Lin Huang grinned as he headed toward the two o'clock direction.

In just a short while, Lin Huang arrived at the forest that Bloody was mentioning.

As they went deeper into the forest, Bloody led Lin Huang to a place to hide. It was a hollow tree.

They squatted inside the tree while Lin Huang patiently waited for Zhu Xing to arrive.

After three minutes passed, Zhu Xing appeared in the sky above the forest. He had no idea that they were hiding there.

All of a sudden, flocks of birds in the forest randomly flew to the sky in every direction as if they were frightened.

Zhu Xing frowned and slowed down to avoid the flocks of birds.

However, a flock of Thunder Sparrows rushed toward him.

Zhu Xing immediately landed on the ground once he saw what just happened. It would not be wise for him to take on the flocks of birds in the sky in his current condition.

"Now's the time! Let's fight!" At this moment, Bloody whispered to Lin Huang.

Lin Huang had prepared himself with six of his God Crashers. With his telekinetic powers, the muzzle of the cannons took aim at

Zhu Xing while he descended from the sky.

"Bang!"

A golden beam was seen flashing through the sky along with a loud bang. Not even expecting anything, Zhu Xing was engulfed by the golden beam...

Chapter 734: Lin Huang Versus Zhu Xing

"Did the attack just strike him?"

Lin Huang witnessed Zhu Xing's body being enveloped by the God Crasher's attack. However, he was unsure if the attack struck him since he was a Virtual God in the past. There were many ways he could save himself.

A black figure suddenly descended from within the golden beam.

After the black figure landed, Lin Huang immediately appeared next to it to confirm if Zhu Xing was dead.

Lin Huang frowned the moment he laid eyes on the barely-recognizable black figure.

Although it really looked like a burnt corpse, he instinctively felt like this was not Zhu Xing's corpse.

There was no notification from Xiao Hei as well.

Although he would not be able to obtain cards or human pieces from killing humans, there was still a chance for him to obtain skill card, skill pieces, or even relics.

The moment Lin Huang confirmed that Zhu Xing was still alive, he sensed danger coming from behind and immediately retreated hundreds of meters away.

Zhu Xing was holding a sword as he appeared at the position where Lin Huang was standing at earlier. The sword in his hand sliced through Lin Huang's shadow without even a hint of hesitation.

Zhu Xing did not chase after Lin Huang despite missing him. Instead, he smiled at Lin Huang and said, "I didn't expect for you to come to me after I've given up chasing after you."

"Of course! I had to run since you brought a demigod along with you. Think about it. If I attempted to kill you with a demigod,

would you run?" Lin Huang laughed.

"You've indeed been monitoring me all this time! What amazing skill you have." As he listened to what Lin Huang said, Zhu Xing confirmed that Lin Huang had been keeping track of his movements all this while. This was why he was always late.

"I do agree that you've done a great job in setting me up with the Fading Petals. My heart is still fluttering with fear. You're kind of brave. However, if you think that you'll have a chance to kill me after the demigod died, you aren't that brave after. You're being too naïve." Zhu Xing laughed at Lin Huang as he said this.

"Thank you for the compliment. It's the first time I've been praised for being too naïve. Do you know that naiveté actually means that a person is kind, straightforward, real, and loves to stride toward freedom." Lin Huang smiled while he lectured Zhu Xing. Then, he continued, "Of course, I'm hoping others would think that I'm more innocent than naïve."

"You're a sharp-tongued boy!" Zhu Xing did not want to argue with him any longer. "Since you're here, you'll just die here. Don't worry. After killing you, Wu Mo's inheritance will be extracted from your dead body. It won't just die here."

After finished uttering those words, Zhu Xing took a step forward and transformed into a ghostly figure. His movements were eerie.

Now, Lin Huang could no longer distinguish his true body from the ghostly figure and was unable to take aim with the God Crasher.

The limited attacks the God Crasher could perform required him to take some time to restore its energy.

Just as Zhu Xing was approaching, the flock of birds flying in the sky pounced on him once more, enveloping the ghostly figure that was Zhu Xing.

His shadow was ripped apart by the flock of birds, and he had to

use his true body to clumsily fight against the birds.

At this moment, Lin Huang's God Crasher took aim at Zhu Xing once more as red flares gushed out of the muzzle to drown Zhu Xing in wave-like flames.

Before Lin Huang could confirm his death, Zhu Xing's body was gradually formed behind Lin Huang.

"Correct me if I'm wrong but... this flock of birds and the attack I encountered earlier are from your monitoring skill?" Zhu Xing squinted his eyes and looked toward Lin Huang. "Is it a spiritual control? Puppet control? Illusion control? What skill is it? I think birds aren't the only monster that you can control. You've control over other monsters too, right?"

Zhu Xing was close to the truth. However, he did not expect that Lin Huang would own a monster like Bloody who could control the leech pods.

Lin Huang smiled in silence. He heard it from Wu Mo that Wu Zhi, who was also known as Zhu Xing, was good at gleaning the truth from one's conversation. He would definitely not reveal anything if he kept quiet.

Since Lin Huang did not respond, Zhu Xing could guess what he was thinking. "It's fine if you don't want to tell me. There's no difference regardless of the skill being used. You have four more chances to attack me with the God Crasher. However, I can activate my molting ability endlessly so you're going to die as soon as you're done using the attacks of the God Crashers."

Zhu Xing laughed arrogantly as he finished his last sentence.

"Is it possible to unravel his molting rune?" Lin Huang communicated with Bloody telepathically. He did not even attempt to whisper since he was afraid that Zhu Xing had the ability to detect what he just said.

"It's probably the effect of the compound rune which allows him

to unleash his molting skill multiple times within time limit. That's why he doesn't need to activate the rune repeatedly in order to obtain its effects." Then, Bloody continued its analysis. "It'll take me some time to observe the type of compound rune that can produce such an effect."

"Alright, I'll try my best to buy you some time. Please be fast." After communicating with Bloody, Lin Huang lifted his head to look at Zhu Xing.

"Didn't you know? As the saying goes, whoever laughs the last, will laugh the longest. It's too early for you to feel happy."

"Is that so? I guess I'll be the one who laughs last since you'll already be a corpse by then," Zhu Xing said before taking another step forward. Then, he transformed into his ghostly figure and lunged toward Lin Huang.

Again, the swarm of birds went into a frenzy mid-air and enveloped Zhu Xing's ghostly figure.

Soon, the shadows were torn apart into pieces by the swarm of birds identified Zhu Xing's true body.

Lin Huang did not launch an attack. Instead, he took aim at Zhu Xing from afar and targeted his true body.

"Why didn't you launch an attack? Is it because you know that you only have four chances left, and you're afraid that the game will end after those four attacks?" Zhu Xing teased while he killed off the birds.

Lin Huang kept quiet as it was useless for him to attack before he managed to decipher his molting rune. He knew fairly well that the number of attacks he could make with his God Crashers were limited. Once he had used up all the attacks, he would be pinned down by Zhu Xing.

In just a short while, Zhu Xing managed to wipe out all the birds. Then, he picked up his sword and dashed toward Lin Huang,

appearing instantly before him.

Lin Huang did not dodge as he glared at Zhu Xing who was less than 10 meters away from him coldly. It was then that a flare suddenly shot out from the God Crashed to envelop Zhu Xing in it.

After a few moments, the flare vanished and Zhu Xing's body regained its form hundreds of meters away. He squinted his eyes and looked toward Lin Huang before showing him three fingers. "You only have three attacks remaining."

Chapter 735: Are You Ready to Say Goodbye to This World?

"Bloody, how long do you still need?" Lin Huang secretly contacted Bloody.

"Give me another three minutes at least. Naturally, the longer you can delay for me, the better it'll be. Buying me more time will allow me to decode the rune more thoroughly, resulting in a higher success rate at breaking the rune," Bloody responded.

"Three minutes?! The guy has noticed my attempt to buy some time..." Lin Huang knew that Zhu Xing had found out. "I won't be able to hold him off for another three minutes by myself. Manipulate some of the parasites to assist me!"

"Sure!" Bloody said.

Zhu Xing had already discovered Lin Huang's attempt at buying some time when he insulted him with a smile before he said, "Do you think that delaying me like this is going to be of any use? You're simply trying to buy yourself some time so you can recharge one or two of your God Crashers. Even if you managed to delay me, do you think it's going to work? It's just a few minutes worth of time before you die. Why do you bother struggling to survive?"

"Do you really think I'm buying myself some time just because I want to recharge the God Crashers? Can't it be because I want to wait for backup to come or some other reason?" Lin Huang asked with a smile.

Zhu Xing was stunned when he heard this. He squinted his eyes and sized him up but he found nothing. "You're just trying to scare me off! If you really had anything up your sleeves, you're definitely not going to tell me. You'd much rather give me a fatal 'surprise' instead. However, since you're telling me this, you have to be lying since you know that you've no chance of winning! You're doing

this with hopes that I'd retreat."

After saying his piece, Zhu Xing paused for a moment and fixed his gaze at Lin Huang. "Am I right?"

Lin Huang did not bother with what Zhu Xing was asking and looked toward the sky. A swarm of birds was flying toward as they chirped. It was as if half of the sky was covered by dark clouds. They even blocked the sunlight until the light on the ground dimmed abruptly.

Zhu Xing did notice the disturbance to the light as he raised his head to gaze toward where Lin Huang was looking at. At that moment, his face turned pale. There were more than one species of bird that gathered in the sky, and they were all pretty much on the immortal-level. There were tens of thousands of them. Naturally, he knew that Lin Huang was the one behind it.

"I've really underestimated you. How could you possibly manipulate so many monsters? However, regardless of the number of birds, they're no different than the poultry I eat at home since they only have a maximum combined strength of immortal-level rank-3. Why are you trying to annoy me with such a huge swarm of birds? Are you going to try and run away?"

"Normally, the flock of birds might mean nothing to you since you're at the imperial-level. However, you shouldn't be so certain of yourself right now. I guess you don't have that much Life Power remaining in you, right?" Lin Huang tilted his head slightly to look at Zhu Xing. "I wonder... Would the molting rune still function once the Life Power in your body runs out?"

Zhu Xing's face was aghast. Under normal circumstances, the molting rune would definitely not function without an energy source to activate it once the energy in his body had been drained. However, since his opponent had God Crashers, he could launch an attack to kill him once his energy ran out so he could no longer activate the molting rune.

After Lin Huang finished questioning him, the birds flying in mid-air approached him. Tens of thousands of birds completely ignored his presence as they fluttered their wings hard and pounced on Zhu Xing. In just a blink of an eye, Zhu Xing was completely surrounded by the birds.

"With the number of birds we have here, I think you'll have sufficient time to decode the rune, right?" Lin Huang was relieved after seeing Zhu Xing disappear so he contacted Bloody.

"If nothing out of our expectation happens, we should have enough time." Bloody gave a prompt reply.

Lin Huang quietly moved aside to recharge the God Crasher with some Life Power.

However, in less than thirty seconds, he heard Bloody panicking through its voice, "Be careful, he's coming for you!"

Before Bloody could complete its sentence, a peculiar sound was heard from the swarm of birds. It sounded much like the roars of ancient monsters. As the sound spread, all the birds were suddenly killed.

Zhu Xing stood at his original position with his right hand holding a black horn. Seeing Lin Huang's shock, he grinned and said, "I've been hiding for so many years. Do you think I'm so unprepared for a comeback?"

"Be careful. The item that he's holding is at least on the demigod level. It might even be God's item." Bloody reminded.

Lin Huang knew that it would be impossible for Zhu Xing to kill tens of thousands of immortal-level creatures in a split second even if he was at his peak. The only way this could happen was through the use of a demigod relic or a God-tier item. At Zhu Xing's current condition, he would not be able to activate the relic that many times.

"What else do you have other than those birds?" Zhu Xing said in

ridicule. He was not looking at Lin Huang as he said this. Instead, his hand was gently caressing the horn he was holding. He was looking at the horn the way he would look at his lover.

"Bloody, what should we do now?" Lin Huang was out of ideas.

"Bear with it for a while. Other monsters are coming. The number of times he can use his horn must be limited." Bloody did not have any better ideas.

"Alright. That's all we can do for now." Lin Huang knew that Bloody did not expect Zhu Xing to own such a relic. He managed to slaughter tens of thousands of immortal-level monsters within seconds.

Since Bloody could not do anything to help, it began spewing nonsense to buy them some time. "I still have plenty of things up my sleeves. You, on the other hand... probably only have limited uses of that horn of yours. Or rather, is it that you can't get it up a second time?"

"Go ahead, try me and find out." Zhu Xing did not launch an attack immediately. Nobody knew if it was the side effect of using the horn or if he was afraid that Lin Huang had some other hidden abilities.

After remaining still for about 10 minutes, both parties realized that their opponents were in a weak state.

"It seems like using the horn is a big sacrifice for you."

"I think the same probably happened to you? Why don't you continue summoning the birds?"

Lin Huang was eager to kill Zhu Xing while he was weak. However, he was worried that Zhu Xing might be setting him up to fail. He was unsure if Zhu Xing had run out of energy for another attack or if it was simply because he wanted Lin Huang to waste his God Crasher by pretending to be weak.

As they exchanged glances, Zhu Xing saw Lin Huang recharging

his God Crasher. Lin Huang had finally launched an attack.

Putting away his horn, Zhu Xing appeared in front of Lin Huang in a flash, slashing forward with his sword.

Lin Huang activated his God Crasher again without a moment of hesitation, completely covering Zhu Xing's body in flames.

A moment later, Zhu Xing's body reformed and he attacked Lin Huang. Lin Huang had no choice but to activate his God Crasher to make another attack.

Within mere moments, Zhu Xing's body reappeared. He grinned. "It's the last attack you can make. Are you ready to say goodbye to this world?"

Chapter 736: Cloning Card

"Bloody, I can't stand it anymore!"

Lin Huang immediately contacted Bloody. Since he was not even immortal-level, it was unrealistic for him to confront an immortal-level rank-9 that possessed the ability of an imperial-level. He could not summon any other monsters aside from Bloody since Bai and the rest were only immortal-level rank-3. They would be easily killed by Zhu Xing, especially since he was a supreme genius.

Seeing that Zhu Xing getting ready to attack him, Lin Huang had no choice but to lift his God Crasher to aim at Zhu Xing's body once more, covering it in flames.

Immediately after another shot was fired, Lin Huang immediately summoned the Golden Wheel to flee but as he pushed against the door, a black glow suddenly flashed through the sky and hit his Golden Wheel before he managed to enter. The force from the strike blew the dimensional relic away.

"Are you going to escape now? It's a bit too late, isn't it? Zhu Xing's body appeared hundreds of meters away, grinning from ear to ear as he looked at Lin Huang from afar.

Lin Huang's expression changed. Despite not taking any damage after that attack, the Golden Wheel was now thousands of meters away, putting a stop to Lin Huang's plan to escape.

"It seems like you're out of tricks up those sleeves. Instead of making these useless efforts, I'll spare you and kill you here." Zhu Xing picked up his sword and without bothering to use any movement skills, he reappeared in front of Lin Huang within mere moments with his sword dashing toward Lin Huang.

Lin Huang could not defend against the attack and was about to get killed. However, right before Zhu Xing's sword touched Lin Huang's body, Zhu Xing frowned.

Lin Huang's body was cut in half but there was no blood dripping from his wound. Then, his severed body gradually began to fade.

"Is it a fake?!"

Zhu Xing immediately turned back and looked around to find Lin Huang appearing at the location of the dimensional relic thousands of meters away. However, he did not push open the door. Instead, he put it away and laughed at Zhu Xing, "Do you think that you're the only one who can fake your death? I did this a few years ago."

"Aren't you're going to run away now?" Zhu Xing was instantly on alert.

"There's no need for me to do such a thing." Lin Huang said and pointed behind Zhu Xing.

As Zhu Xing turned his head around, he saw flocks of birds covering the sky like dark clouds appearing once again in mid-air. It was several times more than the number of birds he summoned earlier. Apart from that, the sound of hooves clicking on the ground could be heard as well.

He then looked at Lin Huang with a strange expression. "You're not using spirit type skills. Be it illusion or the spiritual control, it's impossible for you to control this amount of monsters remotely. To be able to control such a large number of monsters at such a distance... This reminds me of the parasites... Who are you?!"

Zhu Xing was not that far from the truth based on the information he had. Lin Huang's eyes flashed with fear.

However, Zhu Xing ran out of time to continue thinking about it. The birds in the sky were approaching and were quickly surrounding him.

"He's quite fearsome. He's able to accurately guess that this was the ability of the parasites." Even Bloody was in fear of him.

"He has to die or we'll be in great trouble!" A flicker of fury flashed through Lin Huang's eyes. Zhu Xing was a huge threat to

him. If he was not killed, he would get them into bigger trouble in the future. "Fortunately, you've completed decoding the rune or I'll have to escape. I've even used a Cloning Card just now to buy me some time."

"Isn't it your God Crasher charged? You can launch another two attacks. Why didn't you use it?" Bloody asked.

"The two attacks are for emergencies. I have four Cloning Cards so I won't feel that bad after using them. Moreover, I didn't have an idea how long you'd need to decode the rune. You only told me you were done with it after the Cloning Card has been used, and I was about to flee.

After being surrounded by the swarm of birds for a while, the monster horde arrived.

More than 10,000 monsters surrounded the entire region, making it extremely crowded. Lin Huang then retreated hundreds of meters away to watch the battle in the air.

"How long does he need to get rid of the monsters?" Lin Huang asked.

"He'll have to be fast. He knows that the longer he takes, the more dangerous his situation will be in. He doesn't know if you have any other skills. That's why he'll kill the monster horde at lightning fast speed just like what he did previously. He'll try his best to minimize the use of Life Power so he can still handle any unknown dangers he might encounter." Bloody gave its explanation.

Just thirty seconds after Bloody finished speaking, all the monsters surrounding Zhu Xing had been killed. All the birds in the sky fell to the ground.

Amidst the carcasses, a human figure could be seen holding a gradually fading horn. Lin Huang noticed blood dripping from between Zhu Xing's fingers.

"I can confirm that the horn is a God-tier item. It was owned by Wu Zhi tens of thousands of years ago. Therefore, that item can still be activated with ease by relying on the blood sacrifice skill after many years. The demigod relic has no spirit. Therefore, it won't be able to recognize its host after tens of thousands of years and he won't be able to activate it with the blood sacrifice skill."

"Although the blood sacrifice only drains a portion of his Life Power, it still puts a huge burden on his body. I think he can probably activate it twice at most. He's probably exhausted now." Noticing the blood dripping from Zhu Xing's finger, Bloody continued its analysis.

"Regardless of the skill that he has used, it's not what an ordinary person can do. He managed to activate that God-tier item twice with the body of an immortal-level. It's a miracle that he can still stand." Lin Huang knew that Zhu Xing could not stand it any longer.

"However, you have to be careful. Since he activated the God-tier item with a blood sacrifice, he's really eager to obtain the Sorcerer Goddess' inheritance from you." Bloody reminded him.

"The decoding rune has been created. I'll be able to break his molting rune as long as I can touch his body. However, I'll need your assistance. He has to be within three meters from you. If it's possible, it'll be best if he's within one meter from your body. The probability of touching him will be much higher at such a distance. The further he is, it'll increase the chances of me getting discovered, making our success rate smaller. It's the only chance we have. If we fail, he'll know of my existence and he'll be on alert."

"However, this is quite risky. Approaching Zhu Xing who's impeccable in Sword Dao is extremely dangerous. You can't activate the God Crasher when he's more than three meters away from you. If you miss the chance, he'll be able to kill you in one hit."

"I know. Don't worry. I'll use the Cloning Card if anything happens." Even if Bloody did not mention this, Lin Huang knew the risks he was taking. Since he was trained in the sword, he knew how dangerous it was to approach a person who had mastered the sword. Zhu Xing's combat strength could completely pin him down.

"Alright. Once his molting rune is decoded. I'll inform you and you'll have to activate the God Crasher to kill him immediately!"

Chapter 737: Killing Zhu Xing

After discussing his plan with Bloody, Lin Huang was now certain.

Zhu Xing slightly tilted his head and looked at Lin Huang after freeing himself from the monster horde. "Do you really think that monster horde can save you?"

After finishing that sentence, his entire body lunged toward Lin Huang like a shooting arrow. After encountering two monster hordes, he decided to end it quickly, not wanting to give Lin Huang any more chances.

"Xiao Hei, use a Transformation Card to increase my combat strength to immortal-level rank-3 and maintain my human form." Lin Huang secretly contacted Xiao Hei before Zhu Xing took action.

Lin Huang's combat strength improved significantly when the Transformation Card took effect. Although he did not expect to be able to detect Zhu Xing's movements with his eyesight, he realized he could still clearly identify the path Zhu Xing was taking.

Of course, Lin Huang would not be able to hide the sudden increase in his strength from Zhu Xing. When Zhu Xing noticed this, he trembled in fear but was soon relieved after realizing that Lin Huang's combat strength stopped after reaching immortal-level rank-3.

Almost instantly, he approached Lin Huang and was now less than ten meters away from him. It was then that the sword in his hand began giving off a scarlet glow.

Lin Huang fixed his gaze on Zhu Xing. Seeing that he was getting closer to him, he did not retreat at all. He was secretly counting down instead, "ten meters, nine meters, eight meters..."

Just as Lin Huang counted down to three, Zhu Xing grinned. He

was exhilarated as he exclaimed, "Die!"

As he shouted, he thrust his sword forward. The glow that enveloped the sword began gushing out of the body of the sword maniacally and headed for Lin Huang.

At that moment, Lin Huang did not retreat. Instead, he took a step forward to reduce the distance between them from three meters to one meter.

Zhu Xing's eyes flashed with a flicker of fury. He noticed the purple glow leaving Lin Huang's sleeves. However, as he attempted to dodge it with his sword, the purple glow began twisting around his wrist.

At the next moment, Zhu Xing's sword penetrated through Lin Huang's body and he began collapsing.

Just as Zhu Xing was about to slash through the purple glow that was around his wrist, it abruptly disappeared. It was as if the purple glow that he just saw was an illusion.

However, Zhu Xing was still on alert. He began checking himself to see if he was injured. After a short while, his face turned pale.

"You've noticed it right." At this moment, a voice was heard from behind Zhu Xing. Lin Huang's true body was less than 20 meters away from him, and the muzzle of the God Crasher was aimed at him. "I've decoded the molting rune."

"How did you do that? I've been investigating the molting rune for hundreds of years before I finally managed to produce a chain rune after thousands of attempts." Zhu Xing slowly turned around in doubt. "Despite being the person who knows every detail of the rune, I'd need at least a few months to decode and multiple attempts."

"If I'm not mistaken, decoding the molting rune must be related to the sudden appearance of the purple glow, right? You approached me earlier simply because you wanted to let the purple

glow to break through my molting rune."

It finally dawned on Zhu Xing. He had guessed correctly. Lin Huang did not expect for him to make a guess that was so close to the truth.

"Am I right?" Zhu Xing noticed that Lin Huang looking a little uncomfortable. "However, I'm really curious what the purple glow is? Could you please indulge my curiosity?"

"No, I can't." Lin Huang did not want to beat around the bush with him any longer. "Go to hell with your doubts!"

After uttering those words, red flares were shot from the God Crasher.

At this moment, Zhu Xing grinned. As he retreated, more than ten of his clones appeared and escaped in different directions. They could not identify which copy was his true body.

"You're still young. As soon as I leave this land, I'll..." While he was escaping, Zhu Xing teased. However, the next moment, he was shocked. "How could this happen?!"

The red flares emitted by the God Crasher were dead-on. It did not attack his clones but took aim at his true body instead. It was as though it could distinguish between the clone and the real body.

Zhu Xing was being engulfed by the flames instantly, causing the remaining clones that fled in different directions to collapse.

After quite some time, the flames vanished, and a black shadow gradually landed on the ground from mid-air.

Lin Huang chased after it immediately to witness Zhu Xing fall to the snowy ground after being burnt to a crisp. He was still alive, but it was his last breath. When the God Crasher's attack was about to strike him, he used his Life Power to activate a defensive rune and barely managed to withstand the God Crasher's attack. However, his Life Power was now depleted, and he had no more strength. He shot Lin Huang a deadly state and asked unwillingly,

"How did you recognize my real body?"

"It's pretty simple. I left a mark on your body when I decoded the rune," Lin Huang explained with a smile.

Bloody thought he might run away while it was decoding Zhu Xing's rune so it left a mark on his body. The events turned out just as Bloody expected, making the mark extremely useful to them. This allowed Bloody to easily identify Zhu Xing's real body from his clones from Lin Huang's sleeves.

"Now, it's time to send you to hell." Lin Huang slowly shifted his last God Crasher and took aim at Zhu Xing. The red flares gushed out of the muzzle at a distance of fewer than two meters to completely envelop Zhu Xing in it.

Zhu Xing groaned in the pain, and only suffered for about two seconds before he died. Soon, the place was in absolute silence.

"Congratulations, you have obtained Legendary Skill Card – Royal Sword."

"Congratulations, you have obtained Mythical Skill Card – The Devil's Horn."

Two notifications from Xiao Hei arrived. It was then that Lin Huang confirmed Zhu Xing's death in relief.

After a moment, the flames from the God Crasher vanished, revealing Zhu Xing's burnt corpse.

"It has finally ended..." Just as Lin Huang was feeling relief, Bloody warned. "Be careful!"

A black beam emerged from the black ashes and was shot between Lin Huang's eyebrows. He was caught unprepared and did not manage to react to it in time.

Chapter 738: A Death-Seeking Spirit Transfer

Just as Zhu Xing's body turned into ashes, a black glow appeared abruptly. Lin Huang was caught unprepared and the black glow flicked between Lin Huang's eyebrows.

"F*ck! It's a spirit transfer!"

Lin Huang's heart skipped a beat but when he was finally able to react, it was too late. He could vaguely guess what the black glow was. Soon, he was immersed in his thoughts as he entered the world in his body.

In the world within Lin Huang's body, Zhu Xing... No, he was now Wu Zhi. Wu Zhi's consciousness rapidly transformed into his true body.

He looked totally different from Zhu Xing and was different from what Lin Huang imagined previously.

Lin Huang initially thought that an intelligent man would be physically inferior to other men. However, Wu Zhi was muscular and had a height of about three meters. His body was comparable to polar bears and could possibly even be stronger than them.

His consciousness was transformed back into his true body in the world within Lin Huang's body. He did not deliberately increase his size. In fact, his body had always been that size.

He was muscular and tall, with a fierce expression that made him seem like a butcher. He did not look intelligent at all. It was the first impression Lin Huang had when he first saw his true body.

Upon entering the world within Lin Huang's body, Wu Zhi saw the ten Life Wheels that he had. He was shocked and soon, he realized that the burning Life Fire in his Life Wheels was hundreds of meters tall. It had far surpassed Zhu Xing's Life Fire.

"This person is more talented than the previous. This is such a steal!" After uttering those words, he saw an all black "painting" hanging in mid-air as he lifted his head.

"What's that?" Wu Zhi was curious. Just as he was about to look at it carefully, a black glow was released from the "painting" all of a sudden.

Wu Zhi could not react to it in time, and the black glow penetrated through his body. The body that was just formed began collapsing at a slow speed.

He was in fear as he watched his body collapse. Aside from that, he could clearly sense that his consciousness was being erased. He could neither utter a word nor make a sound. He could do nothing as he saw his body being transformed into countless energy particles while his consciousness gradually emptied itself.

As soon as Lin Huang regained his consciousness, he saw Wu Zhi's body collapse.

"He died too quickly... Xiao Hei, it seems like you've restrained your power previously." Lin Huang raised his head to stare at the "painting" in mid-air. He was the only one who knew that it was not a "painting". Instead, it was a huge card.

"I may not be able to do anything to him elsewhere, but this is my territory." Xiao Hei's voice resounded and did not bother to explain any further.

"Alright, I'm leaving." Realizing that the so-called spirit transfer was just a false alarm, Lin Huang did not want to wander around in his body any longer.

"As for the consciousness of the Virtual God, do you want me to turn it into an Inheritance Card or a Combat Soul Card?" Xiao Hei's voice was heard once again.

"Huh?" Lin Huang was stunned.

"The Virtual God's consciousness can be turned into a card.

Choose either one of them. Do you want an Inheritance Card or a Combat Soul Card?"

"I didn't know that there's such a great deal!?" It was not because Lin Huang did not hear it clearly. Instead, it was because he thought he did not hear it correctly. "I've gotten Wu Mo's inheritance so let's just forget about Wu Zhi's inheritance. Let's turn it into a Combat Soul Card."

Lin Huang decided without hesitation. Since he had gotten the True God's inheritance, he felt that there was no need to obtain the Virtual God's inheritance anymore. Moreover, the Combat Soul Card was apparently much stronger. With a Virtual God as the combat soul, it could be summoned when he eventually became an immortal-level. He would have no fear of demigods by then.

"Nothing will be consumed if you were to make it into an Inheritance Card. However, as for the Combat Soul Card, 300 card draws are required."

"Eh, you did that on purpose! You know that I'm left with 310 card draws! Why are you still forcing me to use 300 card draws all at once?" Lin Huang stared at Xiao Hei.

"You're overthinking it. If he was in good condition, I wouldn't be able to turn him into a card even if you have 3,000 card draws, let alone 300. It consumes a large amount of energy in order to transform it into a Combat Soul Card. If I were to convert it into a card by using my own energy, it'll cause me to fall asleep. Most of the system functions will be disabled and I figure you wouldn't want that to happen. Fortunately, only a small portion of his consciousness remains. I can barely transform it into a Combat Soul Card with the energy gathered from the 300 card draws."

"I actually concealed the fact that it can be transformed into three types of cards from you. However, this would consume even more energy."

"What is the third type of card?" Lin Huang immediately asked.

"It can be transformed into a spirit type monster card or an undead-type monster card so that it can become a summoning monster."

"How many card draws are required?" Lin Huang was startled and immediately asked.

"More than 30,000 card draws."

"Just ignore my question..." Lin Huang was shocked. At first, he imagined himself owning a Virtual God summoning monster. However, he immediately gave up on his thought when Xiao Hei told him the number of card draws required.

"Are you sure you'd like to consume 300 card draws to turn it into a Combat Soul Card?"

"Please wait a minute. I have two questions that need some clarification." Lin Huang did not answer recklessly. "The first question is, will it be able to retain its ability as a Virtual God after being transformed into a combat soul?"

"The combat strength of his true body is originally on Virtual God rank-8. Creating a combat soul with the remaining consciousness will result in his combat strength being on Virtual God rank-1 where it will be maintained."

"As for the second question, after transforming it into a Combat Soul Card, I suppose that I won't be granted the authority to summon it even after I've gotten to immortal-level. Will the card be sealed?" Lin Huang then raised an issue related to his summoning authority.

"It won't be sealed but yes, your authority will be restricted. However, it doesn't mean that you can't use it. Instead, a restriction is imposed on its usage. An immortal-level only can only summon it once and the summoning period is limited to three minutes. At the imperial-level, you'll have three chances to summon it with a summoning period is five minutes. After

becoming a Demigod or a Virtual God, these restrictions will be removed."

"Is it possible to increase the number of uses allowed?" Lin Huang asked.

"It's impossible to do so. These are the rules, and I've no control over it."

"Alright. It's great that an immortal-level can summon it once." Lin Huang knew that Xiao Hei did not lie to him regarding not being to change the number of uses allowed.

"Do you have any other questions?"

"No, I don't. Let's turn it into a Combat Soul Card." Lin Huang shook his head since he had already got the answers that he was looking for.

"Consuming card draws x300. Commence forming a Combat Soul Card... The Combat Soul Card is completed."

"Congratulations, you've obtained a Mythical level Combat Soul Card – Sorcerer God!"

Lin Huang had already regained his consciousness earlier. After staying at his original position for about 10 minutes, a notification from Xiao Hei finally arrived.

Chapter 739: Encountering the Divine Alliance Again

After it had been turned into a Combat Soul Card, Lin Huang could not wait to take the card out and began looking through it carefully.

The Combat Soul Card was orange in color, and Wu Zhi's face was printed on the front with a semi-transparent body. Moreover, there were the floating black sigils flickering on top of it with two diagonal lines connecting from the four corners to form a cross, and there was a word "sealed" printed in the middle of the card.

Flipping to the back of the card, Lin Huang began reading through the exact information of the card.

"Combat Soul Card"

"Rarity: Mythical"

"Type of Combat Soul: Human (Tribal member)"

"Combat Level: Virtual God rank-1"

"Skill: Unavailable"

"Summon Authority: Deactivated (Immortal-level required)"

"Card Remarks: Passable"

"Remarks: Since you have insufficient authorization to access the card, it is not available for use. As soon as you achieve the immortal-level, it can be summoned once. Upon achieving the imperial-level, you're allowed to summon it three times. The summoning authority will be completely activated after transforming into a Demigod or a Virtual God."

After he thought of The Devil's Horn that he had just obtained being sealed as well, Lin Huang did not bother to look at the other legendary skill card, the Royal Sword. He divided his telekinetic

powers into multiple thread-like strands and searched through the snowy land. Soon, Zhu Xing's Emperor's Heart Ring was found, and he stored it in his storage ring.

Looking at the time displayed on the Emperor's Heart Ring, it was slightly after 11 in the morning. There was only half an hour left until the deadline set by the Union Government.

Lin Huang raised his head and fixed his gaze in a certain direction, looking worried. Thousands of kilometers away was the foothold where Bai Gu and the rest were staying.

Seeing Lin Huang remain still for several moments, Bloody extended its head from his sleeve. It could read Lin Huang's mind.

"You don't have to worry about Bai Gu and the rest. They've contacted the rest of the ethnic groups and are ready for the fight." Bloody said, projecting several monitoring scenes in front of Lin Huang.

In the monitoring scenes, a few ethnic groups were busy preparing for war. They all seemed ready for it.

"The Union Government's troops have entered their land three days ago. The tribal members might not be able to win the war." Bloody continued, "Since the deadline is over, the Union Government's troops will start wiping out the humans beginning this afternoon. It isn't a wise choice to stay. The conflict between you and the Union Government will get worse. If you're still worried about Bai Gu and the rest, you may leave first and get back to them a few months later. Your inheritance of the Sorcerer Goddess' memory will allow you to enter these lands whenever you please."

Lin Huang remained silent for a moment. Eventually, he nodded his head and replied, "Okay, let's leave."

After summoning the Golden Wheel, Lin Huang went through it without a moment of hesitation.

A few moments later after he stepped out of the dimensional relic, Lin Huang and Bloody appeared from an entrance at the previously marked coordinates.

About ten Union Government's soldiers were stationed somewhere close to the entrance, and a few teams were there to register themselves.

Lin Huang walked toward them and was about to leave. However, after registering with his fake identity, Lin Xie, he was stopped by one of the soldiers.

Lin Huang's heart was racing as he thought to himself, 'Has my true identity been revealed?'

"Wait a moment. Where are your teammates?" Looking at his uniform, the one who stopped Lin Huang must be one of the small leaders among the ten of them.

"We've been attacked by monsters and we lost track of each other." Lin Huang did not lie.

"Which organization are you from?" the leader asked again.

"The Heaven Alliance, Division 3."

"What's the name of the leader?" The leader asked as he lowered his head, glancing at the information shown.

"Shen Tao. He's from the headquarters in Division 1." Lin Huang was relieved because he roughly knew why the soldier asked him about it. "Do you have any other questions?"

"No, I don't. You may leave now." The leader waved his hand, allowing him to leave.

Lin Huang was originally worried that his true identity being discovered since the detection instruments used by the armed forces must be more advanced than the regular ones. However, the questions asked by the leader were apparently unrelated to his identity. It might have had involved the tribal members instead.

The Union Government was likely to have already discovered the presence of the tribal members. They were afraid that the tribal members would sneak into a human group and leave these land. Therefore, they would further question people if they met lone rangers wandering around like Lin Huang.

Of course, Lin Huang knew that the investigation might be rendered useless. The tribal members could perform a spirit transfer on a person and obtain most of their memories. However, from the way the soldier questioned him, the Union Government did not seem to know that the tribal members were capable of performing a spirit transfer.

However, the Union Government's omission was none of Lin Huang's concern. He twitched his mouth and left.

He then passed through the thin film that covered the entire land instantly. It seemed as if there was nothing there.

After leaving, Lin Huang appeared in the sky above the Peaceful Ocean.

Lin Huang was surrounded by a few people the moment he appeared and as he gazed at them, he could roughly remember four of them being members of the Divine Alliance. However, Gu Li was not there and the number of people there was different. Perhaps, they may have gotten lost.

"Why are the people from the Divine Alliance here? Are you guys going to bully a lone ranger like me?" Lin Huang raised an eyebrow.

"Lin Xie, give us the Emperor's Heart Ring and we'll release you. I promise you that we won't do you any harm." A skinny young man smiled with an evil demeanor.

"Is this how the Divine Alliance's members behave? How could four immortal-levels surround a holy fire-level just to steal an item from him? Don't you guys feel any embarrassment?" Lin Huang

insulted.

"Stop bullshitting me! Just tell me if you're handing over the item to us. If you keep talking nonsense, don't blame me for being rude to you!" the skinny young man yelled.

"Okay..." Lin Huang pointed at the Emperor's Heart Ring on his left middle finger. Then, he turned the ring around and said, "How about the four of you give me your Emperor's Heart Rings, and I'll let you leave."

"Lin Xie, you're just a purple flame-level. Despite being a supreme genius, your ability is only on par with immortal-level rank-4 or rank-5 people. The weakest among the four of us is an immortal-level rank-7. Why do you want to make such a useless attempt?" One of the most handsome men among them said.

"I'll repeat myself. The four of you, give your Emperor's Heart Rings to me. Otherwise, leave your arm here." Lin Huang completely ignored the guy as an ancient sword relic was gradually formed in his hand.

"Is he insane?"

The four of them exchanged glances with each other and a similar thought ran through their mind. They did not know that Lin Huang had just used a Transformation Card to increase his combat strength. Since the card was still in effect, his combat strength was not on the purple flame-level. Instead, he was on immortal-level rank-3.

"If you guys are not going to take it from me, I'm going to do that to the four of you..." Lin Huang grinned. Before he could finish his words, he disappeared from his original position.

In just a short while, he could hear people growling in pain. Four arms with their respective Emperor's Heart Rings were detached from their body at almost the same time.

With Lin Huang's telekinetic powers, he took the Emperor's

Heart Rings and threw the four arms into the Peaceful Ocean.

"This is just a lesson for you. You won't be so lucky next time."

Lin Huang then put the four Emperor's Heart Rings away into storage. Then, he summoned the Golden Wheel and strode into it. The four of them were frightened, and none of them dared to stop him. They could do nothing as they saw him leave with the dimensional relic.

Chapter 740: Choosing a Life Fire Monster

At the border of the Peaceful Ocean, a teenage boy gradually opened his eyes in one of the sea view rooms at a luxury hotel.

He did not even seem to have reached the age of 20. His black, fluffy short hair and the pair of black eyes he had would make him one of the most handsome young man on Earth.

Clearly, he was Lin Huang. He had just returned from the floating land.

Mid-August was summertime in Victoria City. There were many tourists who visited the sea town and most of the hotels were fully booked.

Lin Huang only managed to book this hotel with the help of the Heaven Alliance. It was one of the three best hotels in Victoria City, and it had an attached training room. From the moment he returned from the floating land, he had never left the training room.

Lin Huang took a deep breath after leaving his training.

He spent most of his time in organizing the memories inherited from Wu Mo in the next four days. As for the Royal Sword, it took him only a short while to completely master the Legendary level sword skill since he had obtained the Skill Card.

Despite having a connection with the tribal members, Lin Huang did not have a thorough understanding of them. As for witchcraft, he had only mastered the Witchcraft Rune. Also, most of the runes were not made by him, and the inheritance of Wu Mo's memory had helped him improve the weakness he had in this aspect.

After reading through Wu Mo's memories for about four days, he did not only did he have a better understanding of the tribal members, but his witchcraft abilities were upgraded as well.

"The memory storage of that True God was huge. It took me

exactly four days to organize the part of the memories that were unsealed," he mumbled while shaking his head. Soon, he checked on the condition of his body condition, and said in a deep voice, "After circulating it for more than a month, the Life Power in my body has been stabilized. It's time to level-up to the gold flame-level."

He had been maintaining the same position while he meditated in the training room for the past four days. When he stood up, popping sounds from the joints of his body could be heard.

He slightly moved his body and pushed open the door of the enclosed training room.

When he left the training room, he took a deep breath and inhaled the fresh air with the scent of the ocean. Soon after, he mumbled, "Why did I feel hungry as I smell the scent? Could it because it reminds me of seafood?"

Although he had not eaten anything for four days, Lin Huang would not feel hungry with his physique. However, when he thought of food, he began feeling hungry.

After contacting the hotel staff, Lin Huang ordered room service and slowly walked toward the liquor cabinet in the living room. After a moment's consideration, he took out a blue liquor.

It was a blue-green algae liquor made from the blue-green algae.

It was one of the species of the algae living in the neritic zone of the Peaceful Ocean. It was food for many fishes and other ocean animals. It was highly nutritious, so humans who live near the coast tend to use it as food as well. It was an ingredient often used in making cold dishes or soups. Eventually, people began using it to make liquor.

The blue-green algae liquor was common in the neritic zone but beyond that, it was a rare sight. Lin Huang had never tasted it before so he wanted to give it a try.

After opening the bottle of liquor, the light scented herbs spread through the entire living room. The fragrance of the herbs boosted Lin Huang's concentration and he immediately poured himself a glass and walked toward the balcony.

He was on the 96th floor. Opposite his balcony was the beach of the Peaceful Ocean which was hundreds of kilometers long.

During the summer, the sun was high in the sky, the beaches were crowded, and everyone was in their beachwear. It was a beautiful scene.

Lin Huang took his glass of liquor and began observing the liquid in it under the sun.

In the blue liquid, there were dark blue granules of the size of rice. These granules were the form of crushed blue-green algae. Under the sun, the algae looked mysterious as they sank in the glass.

Lin Huang sipped at his warm liquor and felt a minty feeling at the back of his throat. He then recalled that he had once read from a book that said blue-green algae liquor was amazing to be used as refreshment on a hot day. It could also be paired with seafood.

After finishing the glass of liquor, there was a knock on the door, and Lin Huang headed back to the living room. As he opened the door, the waiter was there, pushing a trolley with a tray to serve the seafood.

It was quite expensive, seeing as Lin Huang spent more than 100,000 Life Crystals for that meal. The ingredients were not ordinary fishes but instead, they were marine monsters that lived in the Peaceful Ocean. The combat level of most of these marine monsters ranged from immortal-level rank-1 to rank-3. In addition to that, the dishes were prepared by a food hunter.

Lin Huang began dealing with some things after having his luxurious lunch. He disguised himself as Lin Xie and dialed a

number for Hu Lu's who was from the black market.

The call was answered on the first ring. Hu Lu was in her dress, and she was projected in front of Lin Huang less than three meters away.

To be honest, Hu Lu was not slim. No, she was rather curvy. However, her dress that looked like a cheongsam flattered her body shape. She looked rather beautiful in an inexplicable way.

"Mr. Lin, it's been a long time since we last met," Hu Lu smiled as she greeted him.

"Yeah, it has been a while." Lin Huang nodded. He then continued with the conversation and said, "Let's get straight to the point. Have you prepared the information that I'm looking for?"

"I've been researching it all this while. Do you want it now?" Hu Lu asked.

"Yes. Send it to me by today if it's possible."

"Alright. I'll organize the information before sending it to you." Hu Lu paused for a moment and asked, "Mr. Lin, do you have monster carcasses for sale?"

"I only have a small number of monster carcasses. I'm quite busy recently and I don't have time to hunt for monsters." Lin Huang shook his head. "However, there might be something else that I'd like to sell. I'll bring it to you when I'm free tomorrow or the day after tomorrow."

"Alright, just pass it to me." After hanging up the call, he received the document from Hu Lu within three minutes.

Lin Huang downloaded the document to his Emperor's Heart Ring and started checking on it.

He breezed through the information and felt somewhat excited. He was choosing the last tinder monster for himself in order to level-up to gold flame-level.

The Mutilated Man was an undead-type monster that had gone through its third mutation. It was immortal-level rank-7.

The monster looked like a human covered in grey armor. However, its waist was broken and there was a 20 centimeters gap between its upper and lower body. It was a unique monster that could separate its upper torso from its lower body during combat.

Then Cunning Sting was a triple mutated psychic-type monster at immortal-level rank-6.

Similar to humans, the monster could walk on both legs. However, there would be bony spurs growing from its body. Each bony spur penetrated through their skin. The shape and the size of each bony spur could be adjusted according to their needs. Not only could it be used as a defense mechanism, it could be used as a weapon. Also, the tail of the monster was about three meters long and was completely formed by these bony spurs. It was an extremely terrifying weapon.

Chapter 741: A Free Piece of Information

According to the information provided by the black market, there were only 31 triple mutated monsters. Compared to the information that he got more than a month ago when he leveled up to purple flame-level, the number of triple mutated monsters had reduced by three, and there were eight newly added monsters in the list. However, 11 of them had been removed from the list.

Among the 31 triple mutated monsters, none of their Life Fire tinder could satisfy Lin Huang.

After scanning through the information, Lin Huang frowned. "Is there no suitable tinder among all the monsters in Division 3?"

Though it was within his expectations, he did not hope to see this happen.

He remained silent for a moment and called Chan Dou.

Chan Dou answered the call on the second ring. As usual, he appeared in the video dressed in his white shirt as if he had never changed his clothing before. He was holding a green drink, slouched on a leather sofa as he raised his glass.

"I know you're still alive. I heard from Shen Tao that an imperial-level Frostyape Corpse attacked you and you guys lost each other. They never saw you after that. He even told me that you're most likely already dead."

"I'm lucky as I managed to run away," Lin Huang said humbly.

"So, did you get anything from the floating land?" Chan Dou sipped his drink while he asked.

"Yes. However, with my ability, I only barely managed to survive over there. It's quite satisfying to get some rewards from the floating land." Lin Huang did not reveal the truth. Although Chan Dou was kind, Lin Huang was not that close to him to tell him that he had gotten the Sorcerer Goddess's inheritance.

"That's great. I didn't expect you guys to get anything over there. It's just about gaining some experience." Chan Dou did not think any further. Although he knew that Lin Huang was strong, his combat strength was somehow restricted. Regardless of how strong he was, his ability was still being controlled. From what he learned from Shen Tao, the level of danger in the floating land far surpassed the range which Lin Huang could explore freely.

"Oh yeah, we've been chatting for a while. Why did you call me?"

"I'd like to look for the information of the triple mutated monsters via the Heaven Alliance's databank," Lin Huang immediately requested when Chan Dou asked.

"You're looking for the monsters in Division 3? We didn't build any information network in Division 3 as we don't have many people over there. It costs a lot to build the information network on our own. We got the information in Division 3 from the black market," Chan Dou explained calmly without feeling sorry at all. "If you're looking for the monster distribution graphs in Divisions 1 and 2, I can get it for you and send it to you by tomorrow the latest."

Lin Huang was speechless. He knew that there was only a small number of the Heaven Alliance members were in Division 3. However, he did not expect them not to have an information network in Division 3. "Alright, send me the information about Divisions 1 and 2."

After thinking for a while, he decided to get a copy of the information in the two divisions in case he needed them. If he could not get a tinder that suited him in Division 3, he might have to go to the other two divisions.

After hanging up the phone on Chan Dou, Lin Huang poured another glass of blue-green algae liquor and took a shot. He then summoned Bai. After instructing Bai, he walked towards the bedroom and quickly fell asleep.

Only on the first day when he returned from the floating land, he slept. In the next four days, food and sleep were far from his mind.

Lin Huang could finally relax as he was not as stressed as he was when he was on the floating land. Also, his training had ended. In addition to having Bai to keep watch over him, he could sleep tight. He dozed off from about one o'clock in the afternoon until seven o'clock in the next morning.

Lin Huang felt energized after he woke up.

He then got up from the bed and walked to the living room after washing up. He realized that Bai was sitting on the floor, resting its mind with its eyes closed.

When it heard the sound of footsteps, it slowly opened its eyes and looked towards Lin Huang.

"I'm going for breakfast later after changing. However, I have something to deal with after breakfast. I'll have to store you back into your card form. What do you want to eat for breakfast? I'll buy it for you," Lin Huang said to Bai.

Bai nodded its head, pointing at the bottle on the tea table that had been emptied. "It's quite tasty."

Lin Huang then found out that Bai had finished half a bottle of the blue-green algae liquor.

"I'll buy you another bottle later." Lin Huang knew what Bai was trying to convey. It meant that it wanted that for breakfast as it found the blue-green algae liquor tasty.

Bai never ate any solid food. He used to be interested in all sorts of red drinks. Lin Huang had no idea why it would be interested in the blue liquor all of a sudden.

Bai tilted its head and thought for a while as if one bottle was not enough. It hesitated for a while and said, "Two bottles?"

Although Bai sounded like it was asking a question, it could

hardly hide its excitement.

"Alright, two bottles then." Seeing it smiling happily, Lin Huang said, "You're so genuine."

It was how Bai behaved. Bai would never snatch things out from another's hands. Also, it would always obey Lin Huang's instructions and was quite reliable.

Lin Huang always had faith in his first summoning monster. If there were chances to level up, it would be the first summoning monster that Lin Huang would think of.

After changing, he went for breakfast. Upon returning, he saw that Bai was looking at him with enthusiasm.

"Here's your blue-green algae liquor." Lin Huang took out a box of blue-green algae liquor with a dozen bottles. "I've bought 30 boxes, and all of them are yours. The boss wanted to keep some for his customers, so he could only sell me 30 boxes."

"However, that's liquor. It's not healthy if you drink too much. Keep it moderate," Lin Huang reminded.

"Two bottles a day." Bai nodded, setting a limit for itself.

"You promised. You can't drink more than that." Lin Huang smiled.

After downing the two bottles of blue-green algae liquor, Lin Huang then recalled Bai back into its card form. At the same time, he stored a box of blue-green algae liquor in his storage box.

Having got all these done, he then summoned the Golden Wheel and entered it.

He fixed the coordinates somewhere near the black market street of Sweep City. As he got out of the dimensional relic, he appeared on the roof of a skyscraper.

Lin Huang took a leap and soon, he disappeared from the black market street. A few minutes later, he went deep into the black

market street and stopped at one of the shops.

In a room, Lin Huang took out an Emperor's Heart Ring and gave it to a woman in a dress. "Everything is stored in the Emperor's Heart Ring. Please quote me the price."

"Alright. I'll ask someone to do it for you." Hu Lu grinned as she took the ring. After checking the items in the ring, she looked even brighter. She asked a female staff to come over and instructed her. She then passed the ring to the staff. Seeing that the staff had left, Hu Lu then turned back and looked at Lin Huang. "Mr. Lin, let's drink some tea while waiting."

"By the way, about that monster list that I gave you yesterday, is there any monster that meets your needs?" Hu Lu took a sip of the tea and asked.

"No. I wanted to ask about this. Do you have any other information?" Lin Huang could not wait to look for a suitable Life Fire monster.

"All the information that we provide to our customers has been verified. We don't sell information that hasn't been verified. We don't want to ruin our reputation." Hu Lu smiled, shaking her head.

"It's okay if the information hasn't been confirmed. I'm willing to buy it at its original price as long as you're not selling me fake news," Lin Huang insisted while looking at Hu Lu.

"That's not right," Hu Lu insisted.

"Rules are dead, and people are alive. Please lend me a hand." Lin Huang was not giving up.

Hu Lu remained quiet for a short while and said, "I'll give you the information for free. If it's fake, just don't mention that you got it from us."

"Okay. It'll just take me some time to verify it," Lin Huang promised, "Whether it's reliable or fake, I won't get you into

trouble."

"Regarding the serial murders that have occurred in Martel City, the deceased aren't ordinary residents. They range from immortal-level rank-1 to rank-3 instead. Some people suspect that the parasites or the highly intelligent monsters might be the culprit. Many of them from the Union Government is investigating this issue. More than ten days have passed. Still, they have no idea who the suspects are at all..."

Chapter 742: The 16 Dead Men

Returning to the hotel from the black market, Lin Huang immediately summoned Bloody and discussed the incident that happened in Martel City.

After sharing the information provided by Hu Lu with Bloody, Lin Huang projected the images of the deceased victims that he retrieved from Hu Lu.

From the photos, all of them had died in different ways. However, it was apparent that they were all murdered.

There were blood and pulp all over the dead bodies. They were severely injured. One of them even had their head chopped off. Also, there was also a victim whose heart had been extracted from his chest. Some of their heads had exploded as if a heavy weapon had attacked them. Besides, some of them had no injuries all over their bodies, and the reason for their death was still unknown.

The combat strength of all 16 victims ranged from immortal-levels rank-1 to rank-3. None of them were killed in the same way.

"What did you discover?" Lin Huang asked after Bloody had looked through all the photos projected.

"The information provided by the lady is limited. Despite having the photos of the victims, I can't confirm that the culprit of the murder cases is a highly intelligent monster." Bloody was unsure.

"The causes of death of the 16 victims are different. From the wounds on the dead bodies, it's obvious that different weapons injured them since it's rare for highly intelligent monsters that can fool humans in such a way."

"Do you have any other useful information?" Lin Huang asked.

"Yes, I do." Bloody nodded, shifting its gaze to Lin Huang. It did not continue. Instead, it raised another question. "If you've murdered someone in Martel City and the people from the Union

Government are investigating this case, what would you do?"

"There's nothing else that I could do other than escape." Lin Huang raised his brows and paused for a moment. He stroked his chin and continued, "If I can't run away, I'll definitely look for a place to hide. I'll try to escape after the investigation has ended."

"Yes, that's what a normal person would do." Bloody nodded slightly. "However, according to the information provided by Hu Lu, the murderer killed one person each day. Even after the Union Government started investigating on this, the slaughter didn't stop. It's impossible that the murderer didn't know this as the news was spread everywhere in the city. Since the murderer continued killing, what does it mean?"

"The murderer is confident that he won't be caught!" Guided by Bloody, Lin Huang came up with a firm conclusion.

"That's one of the possibilities. Another possibility is that he doesn't care at all if he'll be captured," Bloody explained, "If the murderer is a madman whereby killing is his only intention, this would be the reason why he doesn't care about the Union Government's investigation at all.

"However, from the fact that he's not been captured after tens of days, we can ignore the second possibility. Therefore, there's one possibility left – he's pretty confident that he'll not be caught.

"Such a confident person must be intelligent and is conceited. Psychologically, the person must've treated the slaughter as a game, and the Union Government staff are the toys in the game. Therefore, he has no fear of the investigation at all. He enjoys the game more after the pursuers joined. That's why he didn't stop killing."

"Are all intelligent people self-conceited?" Lin Huang mumbled after listening to Bloody's analysis.

"That's possible. However, I won't be that silly to offend the

Union Government." Bloody snorted, shaking its head. "If I were the murderer, I'd choose to maintain a low profile before I'm capable of wiping out the entire land. I won't appear in front of humans unless there's a need to do so. Even if I were to get humans into trouble, I'll do it secretly and immediately leave if anything happens. I definitely won't maintain a high profile and be so daring."

"I didn't know that you're so mean..." Lin Huang had an incredulous expression on his face.

"Alright, back to the topic." Bloody immediately interrupted, "We don't have many clues yet. The place where the murderer will commit a crime and the killing methods are random. We can't determine the murderer's motive. Aside from the combat level of all the victims ranging from immortal-levels rank-1 to rank-3, there's nothing else related that we could get from the information provided. However, I can roughly estimate that the murderer is of at least immortal-level rank-5. Otherwise, he won't be able to kill the few of the immortal-level rank-3s in one hit. He's currently targeting those on immortal-levels rank-1 to rank-3. This might be due to the limit on his ability. However, it can also be a trick for him to convey misleading information. Therefore, his combat level is yet to be confirmed."

"The information is minimal." Lin Huang frowned as what Bloody concluded was very much similar to his thoughts.

"However, from the information provided, it's highly possible that the murderer is a monster," Bloody added.

"Why do you say so?" Lin Huang immediately asked.

"Humans' behavioral pattern is rather complicated especially when it comes to the decision to murder. Humans need to have a valid reason to make the ultimate decision. Unless the person is crazy, nobody will kill someone without a valid reason. From the information we currently have, the 16 victims have no relation to

each other. Being killed for an unknown reason is most likely what a monster would do as if they want to hunt for food."

"If the monster is hunting for food, I supposed that the organs or flesh of the dead body must've gone missing." Lin Huang did not agree with Bloody. "However, based on the information provided, not all the organs of the victims have been extracted. Some of the dead bodies are complete."

"It's just an example. The slaughter is definitely not because the monster is hunting for food," Bloody explained further, "What I'm trying to say is that monster is different from humans as they don't need any motive to kill. It's instinct."

"I think that we can't exclude the possibility that a human might be the murderer." Lin Huang remained silent for a while and said, "Perhaps a certain person or a certain organization has a motive to kill. However, we can't figure it out due to the limited information available. This doesn't mean that the motive doesn't exist."

"Yes, I just wanted to emphasize this." Bloody nodded. "The information that we currently have is very limited. We can't make any conclusions on this since there are many things that we don't know yet."

"We shall go to Martel City for more accurate information."

"Are you sure you want to go? If the murderer is a human, our efforts will go in vain," Bloody asked.

"Since we have nothing to do, let's go and have a look. What if we happen to encounter a suitable Life Fire monster by chance?"

Chapter 743: Xia Hou

Martel City which was also known as the foothold No. 3B47 was an ordinary B-grade foothold in Division 3.

It was an ordinary foothold because be it the economic prosperity, the culture or some other aspects, the B-grade foothold was of moderate level in Division 3.

The landlocked foothold was far from the Peaceful Ocean and the Abyss Brink, which were the two moderate danger zones and were the most dangerous areas surrounding the foothold. To some extent, it was considered a stable place for the elders to stay.

This was also the reason why very few of the strong people would stay there. Aside from those who were stationed outside the foothold, most of them were on immortal-level and above. They would not stay at the foothold for a long period of time unless they were on duty or due to some exceptional condition.

If not for the serial murders, many of them might have never heard of Martel City.

Before Lin Huang received that information, of course, he himself had never heard of the city before.

After getting the news from the black market and further analyzing it with Bloody, Lin Huang soon arrived at Martel City along with Bloody.

However, on the first day when they arrived at Martel City, their investigation was hindered.

"What f*cking rules are these?! One must be at least on immortal-level rank-4 to be qualified to investigate the serial murder cases? One must get the approval from the Union Government in order to access the detailed information of the case and carry out the field investigation?" Lin Huang was standing at the lobby of the Union Government division at Martel City. Just as he saw the content

displayed on the big announcement screen, he was triggered. "Can't I lend a helping hand?!"

"We're actually here to look for the tinder of the triple mutated monster..." Bloody thought to itself. However, it articulated something different instead. "It's understandable why the Union Government set these rules as the killer is capable of killing an immortal-level rank-3. I guess that these rules are established because they didn't want the investigators to be the victims. Moreover, without any restriction, anyone can simply enter the crime scene, and it'll adversely affect the investigation."

Of course, Lin Huang knew the reason behind it. He was upset about it because even after using the Transformation Card to improve his combat strength, he only managed to get to immortal-level rank-3. Even then, he would not be qualified to earn the investigation pass from the Union Government.

"What should we do in order to get the investigation pass without which we won't be able to get a complete set of information regarding the case?" Lin Huang frowned deeply. It was an electronic investigation pass which would sync to one's Emperor's Heart Ring. There was no way to get it illegally.

"The only way is to look for a qualified person or those who have gotten their pass to bring us in," Bloody suggested a solution. "It's stated in the announcement that whoever who owns an investigation pass can bring an assistant along during the investigation. Since our main purpose is to go to the crime scene, just look for a person who needs an assistant. I'm a summoning monster, and I can go in together with you."

"That's a brilliant idea." Lin Huang just thought of asking Yang Ling to make him a fake pass. However, what Bloody suggested was indeed a better choice.

Lin Huang turned back and was about to walk towards the door where the receptionist was standing. Just as he wanted to ask

about the application of the investigation pass, he heard chatter from a group of people. He immediately stood still and looked in the direction where the discussion was heard.

"I'm here to apply for the investigation pass for the murder case," said a man who was standing at No. 1 counter. He did not say it loudly. However, when he said "murder case" and "investigation pass", Lin Huang and Bloody's attention were caught.

"Found it!" Lin Huang grinned as he patiently waited for him to complete the application.

In less than two minutes, the man had completed his application. He then left the No. 1 counter and headed towards the exit.

Lin Huang observed his face. He was a man around the age of 30. He had dark skin, thick eyebrows, and big eyes. He was about 1.8 meters tall. However, he was big-boned and muscular which caused him to look as if he was slightly shorter than Lin Huang who was only 1.78 meters tall.

"Bro, are you here to investigate the serial murder cases?" Lin Huang took a step forward, blocking his way.

"Yes, I am. I just got the investigation pass." The man was momentarily stunned, and soon, he nodded his head. "Why are you looking for me?"

"My name is Lin Xie. May I know your name please?" Lin Huang extended his hand and greeted.

"If you're here to sell any products to me, I'm sorry, but I'm not interested. You're kind of brave to promote your products at the Union Government office." The man took a glance at the officer as if he was about to call the guards.

"Bro, I think you've misunderstood me. I'm not a promoter." Lin Huang was nervous. "I'm actually interested in the serial murder cases. However, due to the restriction imposed on the combat level, I'm unable to apply for an investigation pass. Therefore, I

can only rely on the quota given to the assistant. I hope that I could get it from you..."

Before Lin Huang could even finish his words, the man answered, "The assistant quota? I'll just give it to you if you want it." Lin Huang thought that the man would request for something and that he would have to spend some time bargaining with him. Unexpectedly, he got it with ease.

"You suddenly blocked my way, so I thought that you're trying to promote your products. It's good that you're not. It's good that you're not..." The man was relieved, smiling with his mouth wide open. "By the way, my name is Xia Hou. Let's work together on the murder cases."

"Eh, why did he suddenly change his attitude?" Lin Huang thought to himself. "Could he have been hurt by a promoter in the past?"

"To be honest, I was fooled by a promoter last time. That's why I'm afraid of strangers who suddenly block my way..." Before Lin Huang could ask, Xia Hou was friendly and volunteered his history about being fooled by a promoter before Lin Huang.

After listening to Xia Hou's tale for more than half an hour, Lin Huang was speechless.

Despite Xia Hou being rather strong as he was an immortal-level rank-4, he could be cheated easily. Just by encountering an eloquent speaker, he could be easily convinced. This was the reason why he was fooled by many of the promoters for hundreds of time over the past ten years, causing him to buy a lot of unnecessary stuff.

Also, it was the reason why he was afraid of the promoters.

"Can't you say no to them if they persuade you to buy stuff that you don't need?" Lin Huang gave a simple suggestion.

"Sometimes, the items are really appealing when they promote

it." Xia Hou looked helpless. "For example, they would suggest using a bar soap to wash clothes, to take a bath, to induce vomiting (during food poisoning), to be used as a lubricant (don't get me wrong, it's used for stuck zippers)... It can even be carved..."

"You don't even need some of the functions at all! What's the point of having tons of bar soaps at home? For fun?!" Lin Huang thought to himself. He knew that the man was brainwashed after listening to what the promoters said and regretted each time after the purchase. However, the next time he bumped into another promoter, he would be brainwashed again and fooled by the promoters.

Lin Huang knew very well that the problem did not arise from the promoters. It was Xia Hou's problem instead. There was a pit in his brain. No, to be more accurate, it was a black hole. This was the reason why he was fooled every time and had never been able to learn from his mistakes.

Chapter 744: Examining the Corpses

After chatting with Xia Hou, Lin Huang had a brief understanding of him. He could conclude that he was a kind but naïve person.

Upon registering as an assistant at the Union Government with Xia Hou, Lin Huang was finally allowed to join the investigation into the serial murder cases.

"Bro Lin, we're now done with the registration. Let's go." Xia Hou turned back, walking out of the Union Government office.

"Where are you going?" Lin Huang asked.

"We're going to the crime scene." Xia Hou turned his head back, looking at Lin Huang curiously.

"Hey... The detailed information about the case and the dead body of the victim are stored at the Union Government office. Maybe we could go there first?" Lin Huang reminded.

"You're right. If we were to go to the crime scene first, we might have to come back again." Xia Hou mumbled in a low voice and immediately nodded his head. "Let's have a look at the corpse first."

"Bro Xia, you go to the morgue first. I'll catch up with you as soon as I get the information from the data office." Lin Huang was lazy to go to the data office with Xia Hou.

"Why are you going to the data office? Didn't I share the information to you upon your registration?" Xia Hou was staring at Lin Huang puzzledly.

"Those are the basic information. I still need some other relevant information for the investigation." The Union Government sent the information which Xia Hou had shared with him. They were the court records and the case report. Lin Huang and Bloody felt that the information provided was far from enough.

"Alright then. Let's distribute our tasks." Xia Hou nodded and headed towards the morgue.

Lin Huang then brought Bloody along and arrived at the data office.

A Violetcrystal Brain managed the Union Government data office. It was not Lin Huang's first time seeing such a monster as he had previously seen it at the Martial Hunter College library in Division 7. It was a librarian.

Its body looked like a huge blue brain which was wrapped in a semi-transparent purple jelly. It was hanging on the dome of the data office. Light purple tentacles grew on the border of its body that looked like a layer of jelly. It resembled a gigantic jellyfish.

Lin Huang took a seat under one of the tentacles and quickly retrieved the information that he needed.

The moment when the Emperor's Heart Ring was connected to the tentacle, the Violetcrystal Brain could identify that Lin Huang was an assistant and allowed him to access the relevant information.

After sitting down, Bloody's voice was heard. "A lot of information is missing from what the black market has provided that. We need detailed information if we want to make things clear. Other than the court records and the autopsy report, all the information regarding the victims' backgrounds, including the information of the victims' relatives are required. Also, the victims' daily activities before their deaths and their call logs are needed."

"Yes. I'll download all the information and look through it carefully when we go back to the hotel. From the way Xia Hou behaved, I guess he can't wait any longer at the morgue." Lin Huang stayed concentrated on his work.

After about ten minutes, all the information that he needed had

been downloaded. He then left the data office.

Just as Lin Huang arrived at the morgue which was situated in the most western part of the building, Xia Hou had started examining the fifth corpse.

"You're finally here." As he heard the door opening, he turned around and caught a glimpse of Lin Huang. Xia Hou waved at him and exclaimed, "Quickly have a look at this dead body!"

"What happened?" Lin Huang strode quickly towards him.

It was the dead body of a muscular man whose chest was ripped apart. Both his lungs had gone missing. It was the heart that had been sliced into half in his chest which caused his death.

Lin Huang frowned as he looked at the dead body at a close distance. It was much clearer than the photos provided by the black market.

"Looking at the wound on his chest, it was a smooth cut," Xia Hou said, pointing at the chest of the dead body. "I don't think a monster is capable of doing this. It looks more like a human who's skilled at dissecting."

Lin Huang took a glance at Xia Hou who was not as weak as he expected. At the very least, he had careful observation and analyzing skills.

Lin Huang compared the autopsy report and the personal information with the dead body. Unexpectedly, he made no comment on the dead body. Instead, after a long while, he said, "Let's look at the next dead body."

They took out the sixth dead body from the next cold chamber. It was a corpse without a head, and there were irregular shapes that appeared on his neck. Before the forensic pathologist cleaned him, there must have been flesh and blood everywhere.

Lin Huang knew the cause of death of the victim at first glance.

"It's a tragedy. His head exploded, and there are flesh and blood all over his neck." Xia Hou laughed but soon, he stopped, "He died in a different way. It looks like it was the gunmaster who did it."

Lin Huang compared the corpse to the autopsy report, and again, he frowned.

The seventh corpse was a man that looked rather plump. It was a miserable death as there were injuries all over his body. There was a hole of the size of a basketball in his stomach, and all the internal organs went missing.

"Tsk, tsk... He's more pitiful than the previous one. He looked as if the small predatory monsters ate him. Not only were his internal organs extracted, but his bones were also exposed." Xia Hou paused for a moment. "It's obvious that humans didn't kill him."

They examined the dead body one by one right until the 16th dead body. Lin Huang then looked at the first four corpses that he had never seen before.

Xia Hou examined the corpses again with Lin Huang before leaving the morgue.

"Why are they called serial murder cases? It's obvious that the same person didn't kill them. Some of them are killed by humans, and the monster killed some of them," Xia Hou said as he walked out of the morgue.

"If they were not serial murder cases, how could you explain each of the cases happening one after another? Also, the forensic pathologist determined that their time of death is at about midnight." Lin Huang refuted, "Do you think everything that's happened in the past 16 days is merely a coincidence?"

"It's less likely to be a coincidence. However, how can you explain why they're killed in a different way?" Xia Hou thought for a while and asked.

"There are only three possibilities. The first possibility is that the

killer is not a person but a criminal gang. Next, it could be mimic crimes. After knowing what the first murderer has done, the second criminal killed the rest of them, following the time and details of when the first victim was killed. The third possibility is that the murderer can be a person or a highly intelligent monster whereby they intentionally create different ways of killing," Lin Huang told him what he and Bloody had concluded.

"I don't think that a monster is possible of dissecting a human in such a way!" Although he agreed with the three possibilities suggested by Lin Huang, Xia Hou still asked.

Again, Lin Huang explained, "As long as the highly intelligent monster has been living with humans who are good in dissecting for a long period of time or it's been taught dissection skills by humans, the monster is capable of doing so."

"The probability must be low," Xia Hou lamented as he felt that Lin Huang was overthinking it.

"The probability is indeed low, but it's not zero. We can't ignore it." Lin Huang was being frank with him.

"Since we've examined the dead bodies, what shall we do next?" Sensing that Lin Huang could analyze much better than him, Xia Hou gave up on being a leader. He felt that following Lin Huang's plan could save him some effort.

"It's about noon now. Let's take our lunch first so that I can have a look at the information that I just got."

Chapter 745: The Tragic Crime Scene

When they were having lunch, Lin Huang quickly skimmed through the information he had.

Based on the detailed information provided, it was clear that the 16 victims had no relation to each other. Basically, they came from different footholds and their family members did not know each other as well. Nothing odd was found from the victims' journeys and call logs a month ago before their death.

"How is it? Is there any useful information?" Xia Hou asked. He could not speak clearly as he was munching on a rare steak. His mouth was covered in juice.

"No." Lin Huang shook his head. He was lost after sifting through the information.

"What should we do next?" Xia Hou swallowed the steak and asked again.

"Let's decide later after going to the crime scene." Lin Huang had no other ideas though.

After lunch, the both of them headed to the crime scene.

Lin Huang decided to investigate the time when the incident happened. He went to the crime scene where the first victim was killed 16 days ago. It was located in a small lane with low-rise housing.

The both of them followed the coordinates provided by the Union Government. Soon, they got the exact location.

The small lane was completely isolated by the Union Government using the supreme relic and there were only two guards. After Xia Hou and Lin Huang had shown them their investigation and assistant passes, they were allowed to enter.

The lane was paved with blue stones and it looked like it had

existed for years. The lane was about 30 meters long and it was less than 1.5 meters wide. Despite the houses on both sides not being tall, they had a height of at least eight meters. This was the reason why the lane was rather dark.

"It's such a small lane. Why did the victim come here at midnight? Was he looking for a place to pee?" Xia Hou mumbled.

"Didn't you read the information?" Lin Huang turned back and glanced at Xia Hou. Before he replied, Lin Huang continued, "The black market is located less than 300 meters away. The victim was killed at a place like this probably because he just got out of the black market since it closes at midnight."

"Why didn't he use his dimensional relic to leave?" Xia Hou immediately asked.

"So, you really didn't read through the information given... He was staying at a homestay which is very nearby. It's just a few minutes walk from the black market. There's no need to use a dimensional relic."

Soon, they arrived at the crime scene while chatting with each other. The outline of the victim's dead body had been sketched by the Union Government staff with a white thread.

As it was covered by a relic, the thread was still there despite the rain and it was as clear as it had been half a month ago.

According to the outline of the thread, the person had fallen to the ground as soon as he died. His head that had been chopped off had flown a meter away.

On both sides of the wall and the ground, blood splattered over a terribly large area. As Lin Huang saw the crime scene, he could almost imagine the horrifying scene when the victim was killed – his head was chopped off in one blow and soon, blood started oozing out from the headless corpse.

"Killed in one hit. It's really a tragedy," Xia Hou mumbled.

"It's a narrow lane. If a stranger happened to come to me in the middle of the night, I'll definitely be on alert. However, based on the autopsy report, there's no evidence that the victim was engaged in a fight before he died. He was killed without a struggle. That being said, the killer might've been very close to the victim and the victim was caught unprepared. Otherwise, the murderer must be good in his movement skills and managed to make such rapid attacks that the victim had no time to respond to it," Lin Huang said while taking shots of the crime scene.

After examining and capturing photos of the first crime scene, both of them did not stay any longer. They immediately left the small lane and rushed towards the second crime scene, which was located in a luxury hotel room.

Due to the incident, the hotel had stopped operating. Other than the investigators and the assistants, nobody else was allowed to enter.

Lin Huang and Xia Hou were granted entry by the guards. They then entered the floating staircase and went up to the 91st floor. They found the room where the incident had happened which was room No. 091021.

Apart from the dead body not being in its original location, everything looked exactly the same as how it was when the crime had been committed. Even the bed sheets and the pillows had not been moved.

"It's kind of clean. Did the staff do the housekeeping?" Xia Hou asked.

In the living room, everything was clean. It did not look like a crime scene at all. Lin Huang had read through the information earlier. There was indeed no traces of fighting found at the crime scene.

Seeing Xia Hou reading through the materials, Lin Huang did not say anything. He walked towards the master bedroom which was

located on the right.

When he entered, he saw a bed. The blood stains on the bed sheets had turned black. The stains covered almost three-quarters of the bed.

The moment when he saw that, a scene of how the victim was killed was pictured in Lin Huang's mind. His head and limbs were chopped off while he was sleeping and he could not retaliate at all.

"His death is way more awful than the first victim's. He was mutilated while he was sleeping." Xia Hou slowly entered the bedroom. "If he had slept later, he might not have died."

"Whether he sleeps or not, he'd still have died. The only difference is that the place where his dead body would've been found would be different." Lin Huang offered a different opinion. "The killer murders a person every day at 12 a.m. sharp. That being said, the victim has been targeted by the killer beforehand. Therefore, regardless of where the person is, what he's doing, the murderer will definitely kill him when the time comes."

"According to what you just said, the murderer must've targeted the victim beforehand." Xia Hou nodded in agreement. He paused for a moment and continued, "However, there's something that I can't figure out why. Martel City is a B-grade foothold. There are only a few of them on immortal-level. There are less than 100 of them who are permanent residents of Martel City. Under normal circumstances, the probability of encountering an immortal-level in Martel City is less than 1/200,000. The probability of encountering an immortal-level rank-1 to rank-3 will be even smaller. With such a low probability, how could the murderer have targeted those victims? I don't think they would just randomly pick someone on the street."

However, after reading through the information provided, Bloody actually mentioned, "I've thought of this before." The both of them had secretly discussed this issue. "There are two

possibilities. The first one would be that the murderer has the name list of those who have registered to travel in Martel City. The second possibility is that the murderer has been hiding somewhere near the dimensional portal in Martel City."

"I think it's less likely for the second possibility to have happened. There are two dimensional portals in Martel City and the both of them are thousands of kilometers apart. How can the murderer keep watch over both of the dimensional portals at the same time? Even if he has clones, it's impossible to control the two clones when the portals are thousands of kilometers away. Even an imperial-level wouldn't be able to do so," Xia Hou disagreed.

"Who says that he'd be keep watching the dimensional portal on his own? Don't you think it's possible that he might have companions? Couldn't he have spent some money to hire people to do it for him?" Lin Huang asked with a wry smile.

"Alright." Xia Hou was speechless and immediately changed the topic. "The first possibility that you mentioned just now... Do you mean that the murderer is a staff from the Union Government?"

"I'm not sure. There are three possibilities through which the murderer could've gotten the name list. The first one is that the murderer's partner is working with the Union Government. Next, the murderer must've hacked the relevant department of the Union Government and obtained the name list. Lastly, the only possibility is that the murderer himself is the one from the Union Government."

"Are we still going to the next crime scene?" Xia Hou asked again.

"Yes, of course. What if there is some other evidence? If we're not going over, we might miss out on something." Lin Huang was excited after getting a new direction in the investigation of the case. Looking for a suitable Life Fire monster was no longer his main concern. He found it interesting as he was one step closer to the truth, causing him to temporarily forget about the need to

level up.

Chapter 746: The 17th Victim

After investigating all the 16 crime scenes, it was already just after six in the evening.

Lin Huang and Xia Hou went to a ramen restaurant to have their dinner. Soon after, they went back to their own hotel.

As soon as he was back, Lin Huang started looking through all the information again together with Bloody.

Since he was an assistant, all the information that he got from the Union Government was pretty complete. However, due to the time constraint, he only managed to briefly browse through the information. If Xia Hou did not urge him to go to the crime scenes, he would have spent a whole day looking for clues from the information he had.

At about 11 p.m, only did the both of them finish looking through all the data.

"Still, there isn't any useful evidence. Each time before the crime is committed, the monitor bird, Surveillance Mosquito, and all the other monitoring monsters were killed in less than two minutes. The Transmission Shell that records voices was destroyed as well. The murderer left no trace at the crime scene," Lin Huang sighed. "The Union Government didn't just keep watch on the content of the monitoring monsters on the day itself when the crime was committed. They even cross-checked all the surveillance videos that have been recorded earlier before the incident happened at all the 16 crime scenes. Still, they got no clues even after watching 30 days of the recordings."

"What I can't understand is if the murderer hasn't been to the crime scene, how could he have known the position of the monitoring monsters and kill all of them?" Lin Huang expressed his doubt, "Could the person possess a territorial skill like I do?"

"One normally obtains a territorial skill after leveling up to imperial level as the person would have a Life Palace. The murderer was said to be an immortal-level. Therefore, it's quite likely that the murderer has a territorial talent," Lin Huang then explained.

"Perhaps he has disguising skills and appears as a different person each time. Therefore, the Union Government can't figure out who he is even after cross-checking all the information. Of course, like what you just said, the murderer might probably have a territorial skill and is capable of sensing the number of monitoring monsters and their exact locations within a specific region." Bloody agreed with Lin Huang and suggested that the murderer might have disguising skills as well.

"If it's the former, it'll be troublesome." Lin Huang frowned.

As a person who possessed disguising skills, he knew how terrifying the talent was. Despite the fact that his disguising skills were much weaker than the masters, he almost managed to cheat all those who ranked below imperial-level. If the murderer's disguising skills were more advanced than his, even imperial-levels might not be able to detect it. He could definitely enter the foothold freely by disguising himself despite there being many guards on duty. He might have even passed by the guards without being discovered.

"Perhaps the 17th crime will happen in less than half an hour." Lin Huang took a look at the time and said, "Unfortunately, we've no idea who the next victim is and where the next crime scene will be. We can't stop this from happening."

Bloody was helpless. "We can only wait for it to happen and rush to the crime scene as soon as possible, hoping that we'll find some clues over there."

Half an hour passed. Despite it being midnight, Lin Huang did not feel sleepy at all. He was sitting on the sofa, patiently waiting

for the announcement from the Union Government.

When it was almost about 12.10 a.m, his Emperor's Heart Ring suddenly vibrated. A message popped out as soon as Lin Huang opened the communication page.

"All the investigators and their assistants, please come over to Chenxing Building as soon as possible!"

With that single sentence, Lin Huang instantly knew that a murder had happened at Chenxing Building.

Attached to the message from the Union Government were the coordinates. The coordinates were automatically synced to the map of the Emperor's Heart Ring and the route was determined.

"The crime scene happened at the center of the area and it's only about 100 kilometers away from us." Lin Huang closed the communication page and walked towards the balcony.

Bloody then transformed into a purple shadow and twisted around Lin Huang's left hand.

Lin Huang took a few steps to the balcony. Lazy to summon Thunder, he directly flew towards the destination.

In just a short while, Lin Huang arrived at Chenxing Building.

The building was quite big. Its logo was about 30 meters high and was made of tens of thousands of sunstones. They would all light up at night. Even those who were thousands of meters away could see it clearly.

As Lin Huang landed on the ground, about 10 of them were already gathered outside Chenxing Building.

Many of them caught a glimpse of Lin Huang and started sizing him up doubtfully. Soon, they shifted their focus to the others and a few of them were grinning because Lin Huang was just a purple flame-level and the majority of them were ranked above immortal-level rank-4.

Lin Huang looked at the crowd and saw everyone's expression at a glance. Of course, he discovered those who were laughing at him. He did not bother, gazing at them calmly. Soon after, he shifted his gaze away from the crowd.

In less than a minute, a few of them arrived one after another and finally, Xia Hou was there.

"How's it? Have you seen the corpse?" Xia Hou asked as soon as he landed on the ground.

"No, I haven't seen the corpse yet as I've just arrived." Lin Huang shook his head and looked towards the guards stationed outside the building. "Perhaps they'll only let us in after everyone has arrived."

At about 12.20 p.m, there were about 50 of them, including the investigators and their assistants. Soon, two people came out of the building.

One of them was in a grey coat and wore a trilby, holding a cigar in his mouth. Another man was dressed in a suit. He had short hair and looked energized. However, he had a serious expression on his face.

Seeing the both of them, the crowd shifted their attention to them and immediately remained silent.

The man in the coat studied the crowd. He took the cigar out from his mouth with his right hand that was originally in his pocket, exhaling the cigar smoke. Without saying anything, he put the cigar back into his mouth. He squinted his eyes and looked at the man in the suit that was standing on his left.

After exchanging glances with each other, the man in the suit nodded his head slightly and moved a step forward. He said, "The victim was 61 years old and was the boss of the Jingchen Financial Group. Li Jingbiao was an immortal-level rank-3 and he was usually accompanied by two immortal-level rank-9 bodyguards

who were poisoned to death. We'll provide more detailed information to all of you by tomorrow afternoon. You may come in now. The crime scene is on the 186th floor, room 001. We'll carry out an autopsy at 1 a.m."

The crowd rushed into the building. Lin Huang frowned. He noticed that when the man mentioned the name of the victim, many of their facial expressions changed, including Xia Hou's.

"Xia Hou, is the victim a very popular person?" Lin Huang whispered.

"Don't you know who Li Jingbiao is?" Xia Hou was surprised and asked. However, seeing Lin Huang's perplexed expression, he realized something. "I guess you're not from Division 3."

"Yes, that's right." Lin Huang nodded. The conversation ended. Apparently, Lin Huang did not want to tell where he was from.

After waiting for a while, Xia Hou caught a glimpse of Lin Huang and continued, "The Jingchen Financial Group that was operated by Li Jingbiao is the second largest financial company in Division 3. He's a legend. His parents are just ordinary people in the small foothold. However, it took him more than 40 years to build a business empire. It's on par with the Royal Star Group which has been established for hundreds of years. He's a commercial genius and his story has been written in the textbook of the schools in Division 3 more than 20 years ago. In Division 3, even a six-year-old kid knows who he is. I've never expected he'd be attacked..."

"It seems like the murderer has stirred up a nest of hornets." Lin Huang smiled wryly, shaking his head. He could already guess how Jingchen Financial Group would react. With such a big financial group joining the investigation, the murderer would be unable to escape.

Chapter 747: The Murderer Has Appeared

Seeing everyone enter the building, Feng Yuan lit a cigar and slowly walked towards the stairs in front of the building. He straightened his coat and quietly sat down. After inhaling and exhaling the smoke for several times, he shifted his gaze towards Lan Luo who was in a suit.

"After the case has ended, you can apply to transfer to Division 2. I'll inform the leader about it. I guess the approval shouldn't be a problem."

"Bro, we handled the case together and we should bear the responsibility together. I don't want to go to Division 2. I'll follow you wherever you go," Lan Luo refused.

"I'm getting married and having kids. Are you going to marry me? Can you give birth?" Feng Yuan teased.

Seeing that Lan Luo did not dare talk about it anymore, he inhaled the cigar deeply and said after a long while, "The victim is Li Jingbiao. I'll bear all the responsibilities. There's no need to get others involved. I'm retiring a few years later. You're still young. If you are loyal to me, listen to me. Don't meddle in this case. Unlock your achievements in Division 2 so that there's a place for me to chill in the future."

"Bro..."

"Stop harping on. Let's call it a deal. If you happen to resign, I'll turn against you. Don't blame me if I ignore you in the future," Feng Yuan stared at his partner who had been with him for almost 20 years and said with a serious expression.

It seemed like Lan Luo had something to say. However, at that moment, both of their Emperor's Heart Rings vibrated at the same time.

The communication page then popped up in front of them,

projecting the same person.

"Leader!" Lan Luo immediately stood as straight as a ramrod.

It was a middle-aged man in a short-sleeved checkered shirt that appeared in the projection. He was their boss.

Feng Yue put out the cigar calmly and slowly stood up. Before the man in the projection spoke, he said, "I'll take full responsibility for the case. Lan Luo..."

The man in the short-sleeve caught a glimpse of Feng Yuan and interrupted him, "The victim isn't Li Jingbiao. The victim is just a substitute for Li Jingbiao."

They were stunned when they heard that. After a moment, they recovered from their thoughts and felt relieved.

"However, this is not the end. Despite the fact that he's just a substitute, Li Jingbiao is angry. He feels that the murderer is coming after him. A few minutes ago, he contacted the Union Government headquarters in Division 3 and the top management pressured me. Both of you are given three days to find out who the murderer is. Otherwise, please get ready to file for your unemployment benefits!" The man showed no mercy as he gazed at the both of them with a stern face. After quietly sizing them up, he hung up the phone straight away.

Seeing the projection disappear, Feng Yuan immediately took out another cigar. "I didn't expect that there'd be good news. Li Jingbiao is still alive."

"Why don't I think that it's good news? Did you miss out on the last sentence? The leader warned us that we'll be fired if the case isn't solved within three days." Lan Luo was worried.

"Do you think he'll fire the both of us because of a substitute?" Feng Yuan smirked.

"I don't think so." Although that was Lan Luo's answer, he was uncertain.

"I'm going home to sleep now. See you tomorrow!" Feng Yuan stood up and waved his hand at him, without turning back. Soon, he placed both of his hands in the pocket of his coat and disappeared as soon as he strode towards a dimensional relic.

"I have to pick up the slack again." Lan Luo was speechless, shaking his head. He turned his head back and looked towards Chenxing Building.

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On the 186th floor of Chenxing Building, in the brightly lit room No.1.

The living room was about 300 square meters large. It was slightly packed with about 50 of them gathered there. However, most of them stayed for a while in the living room and soon, they rushed towards the bedroom.

There were two corpses in the living room. Both of the victims were muscular and were wearing black suits. One of them was found dead on the sofa whereas the other victim died on the floor next to the wine cabinet. Obviously, the both of them were the security guards.

After the crowd had dispersed, Lin Huang then looked at the two corpses that had turned black. Obviously, both of the dead bodies were tainted with some kind of poison.

Since they had no idea what type of poison it was, Lin Huang dared not touch the two corpses for further investigation. One of the reasons was that they had to properly preserve the crime scene. Also, they would be poisoned if it was the type of poison that could enter their body.

"Can you identify what type of poison that is?" Lin Huang asked Bloody.

"Since an imperial-level rank-9 could be poisoned in a short period of time, it's highly possible that it's a type that's been

extracted from the body of an imperial-level rank-9. However, to provide a more accurate answer, it has to be tested." Bloody knew more about this than Lin Huang did. While Lin Huang was a teacher in the Martial Hunter College, Bloody would be summoned whenever Lin Huang was in the library. Its speed of reading was several times faster than Lin Huang's and it had memorized almost all the contents in the books available in the Martial Hunter College, including the knowledge about the use of various types of poisons. "However, for the sake of our safety, we shall just wait for the autopsy report."

"By looking at the position of the two dead bodies, the poison acted very fast as they didn't struggle when they died. The sofa, the tea table, and the liquor cabinet are still in good condition. The poison has a terrifying effect." Since they could not get any other information from the corpses, Lin Huang shifted his attention to the surroundings. Soon, based on the information that he got from the surrounding he concluded, "From what I know, there are 11 types of poisons that are extracted from imperial-level monsters which can result in deaths like this. These are only the raw poisons that are extracted, not considering complex poison which is a mixture of various types of raw poisons." Bloody was not interested in the two corpses since it could not get any other useful information. "Since we can't confirm if the poison can spread and we can't figure out what type of poison it is, let's have a look at the victim in the bedroom."

Lin Huang nodded. He did not stay there any longer and walked towards the crowd in the bedroom.

A minority of them had left after looking around. However, it was still very packed in the room.

Lin Huang finally managed to squeeze through the crowd and reach the dead body. He then saw the "fresh" corpse.

"That's awful." It was the first thing that came across Lin Huang's mind just as he saw the dead body. He had seen many of the

corpses in the past two days and still, he gave such a comment.

The bloated corpse was out of shape as he had puncture wounds all over his body that were made with a sharp weapon. There were at least 100 wounds on his body and all of them were about the size of an adult eyeball. The sharp weapon had penetrated through his body and the naked body looked exactly like a human honeycomb.

After observing for a while, Bloody who was hiding in Lin Huang's sleeve said, "The fatal injuries were the two attacks on his eyeballs. The weapon pierced right through his eyeballs and poked out of the back of his head. The victim's brain was smashed into tofu in an instant."

"If the murderer is the same person, he does really have a lot of killing tactics. Since he uses different methods to kill each time he commits a crime, is he trying to show off his skills?" Lin Huang mumbled.

Many of them had activated their detection skills next to the fake Li Jingbiao's dead body. A thought suddenly ran through Lin Huang's mind. "The guy has died for less than half an hour. I remember that there's a chain rune that can recover the scene in a given period of time."

"You're talking about the Backtracking Mirror, right? So, can you really go back in time?" Bloody recalled the Witchcraft Rune as well. However, harsh terms were imposed on it. The rune must be activated at the crime scene and it had to be used within 24 hours after the incident happened. Besides, the time that one could backtrack varied according to one's strength.

"I've used it once and it shouldn't be a problem to set the clock back by half an hour. I should be able to turn back time by an hour if I were to do it at a full stretch."

"I'll do the task. I can set the clock back by about three hours." Bloody was not showing off. "It'll be better if there are fewer people who know that we excel at the Witchcraft Rune. Since the

Sorcerer Dao is somehow related to the floating land, it'll easily catch the Union Government and the rest of the organization's attention. We shall activate the Backtracking Mirror after the rest of them leave."

Many of the investigators left after examining the dead body.

At about 1 a.m, Lan Luo, who was in his suit, and a few of the staff with their protection suits entered. There were about seven investigators there.

"We're storing the dead bodies now." Lan Luo gazed at Lin Huang and the rest. He did not urge them to leave. Instead, he nodded his head at the staff.

The staff started taking out a few body bags and stored the corpses.

The investigators did not intend to stay there anymore after the staff had put the corpses away.

"I'm going home to sleep. Aren't you leaving yet?" Xia Hou yawned.

"You may leave first. I'll stay here for a little while." Lin Huang stared at the mattress in the bedroom and did not leave.

Lan Luo glanced at Lin Huang, feeling weird. However, he did not think any further and warned, "Don't damage the evidence at the crime scene." Soon, he left with the staff.

"I guess the guy will be back within a few minutes. We have to be quick." Monitored by the Leech Pods, they ensured everyone in the room had left, then Bloody and Lin Huang then returned to the bedroom.

Bloody's Book of Sorcerer Dao was different from the one that Lin Huang had as it was purple in color. As Bloody flipped opened the book, it quickly inserted Life Power into it, activating the chain rune called the Backtracking Mirror.

The runes appeared in mid-air one after another. Ultimately, all of them collapsed, transforming into a scene with rapid playback.

Bloody could soon capture the scene that happened an hour ago which was the scene that Lin Huang had been waiting for.

They could see from the scene that there was a semi-transparent monster, which body was in liquid form, breaking through the window and making its way to the sofa. It spat a cloud of white mist at the back of the neck of the security guard. The white mist was very thin and was almost invisible. The white mist entered the security guard's body as he inhaled. As soon as he inhaled the white mist, he looked like he had fallen into a kind of trance. However, it lasted for less than three seconds and his skin started turning black from head to toe. Soon, he died soundlessly and the entire process lasted less than ten seconds.

Soon after that, the semi-transparent monster quietly appeared next to the second security guard. A cloud of white mist was released at the back of his neck. The second security guard collapsed as well.

The semi-transparent monster then headed towards the bedroom. He appeared above "Li Jingbiao" who had fallen asleep in a spherical shape. The spherical body started transforming rapidly. In just a few seconds, it transformed into a human form and it looked similar to Li Jingbiao.

After the transformation had been completed, the monster slowly opened its mouth, extending its tongue which was of the size of a human arm. Its soft tongue extended up to a meter long. It looked like a poisonous snake revealing its upper body. It was about ten centimeters away from "Li Jingbiao's" chubby face.

All of a sudden, the tongue broke in half, resembling a shooting arrow and pierced through "Li Jiangbiao's" eyes.

A weird sound was heard coming out from the monster after "Li Jingbiao" was killed. Soon, its body transformed again. Sharp

thorns that looked like tentacles were constantly growing from its body, penetrating through "Li Jingbiao's" dead body.

Seeing the entire process, Lin Huang frowned and he attempted to look for information about the monster in his brain. However, it was in vain. "Bloody, do you know what monster that is?"

"I don't know. I've never seen this monster in the monster guide," Bloody answered confidently, "However, we can basically confirm that this monster possesses Enhanced Intelligence and powerful mimicry ability."

"I used to think that the murderer was a human before activating the Backtracking Mirror. I've never expected it to be a monster." Lin Huang smiled, shaking his head. "It possesses both Enhanced Intelligence and powerful mimicry ability in addition to having a variety of attack skills. It must be extremely difficult to kill."

"Yes, indeed. We're now facing the first difficulty. How do we find it!"

Chapter 748: Planing to Sit Back and Wait

Despite the answer that he got from the Backtracking Mirror being less than satisfactory, it was still better than no progress.

It was relatively easy for a monster with Enhanced Intelligence and mimicry ability to hide in an area that was two million square meters wide with more than 60 million residents. To look for it was like fishing for a needle in a haystack.

In addition to it being a new monster that had not been recorded in the monster guide, nobody knew where would it be hiding.

After they returned to the hotel, Lin Huang did not sleep. Instead, he continued discussing the case with Bloody.

"I thought that the murderer would be capable of finding the victims because there's a spy in the Union Government. Based on what we know now, it disguised itself as the first victim and got the name list of the immortal-levels rank-1 to rank-3 from the Union Government. It was lucky though since its first victim was an executive of the Union Government."

"I doubt if it was lucky or if it intentionally chose him to be its target. Its intention was to obtain the name list in the first place." Lin Huang's heart skipped a beat when he heard what Bloody said. He had never expected that a monster could be so scheming.

"It's really a terrifying monster..."

"It's okay. We'll catch it one day." Bloody was extraordinarily calm.

"We can monitor the entire foothold with Leech Pods. However, if it can really disguise itself as anyone, the monitoring pods can't do anything to it. Moreover, this is a human foothold. They have many types of skills that can probably detect the presence of your Leech Pods. You have to be extra careful to avoid being discovered. Also, there are many buildings in the foothold. The obstacles that

you're going to encounter far surpass whatever you faced in any of the wild zones and danger zones. The performance of the monitoring pods might be affected as well. You have to consider all these factors." Lin Huang stated all the problems that might arise.

However, after listening to what he said, Bloody slightly shook its head. "It's not that troublesome. We don't need to monitor the whole city. We just need to monitor the potential victims. It will act soon. Instead of putting in a lot of effort to look for it, why not wait for it to fall into the trap?"

Lin Huang's eyes brightened as he heard that. "I almost forgot about it! There are only a few immortal-levels here. Those who are on immortal-level rank-1 to rank-3 are even lesser. Perhaps there are only 100 of them. Our workload is much lower if we were to monitor the 100 of them. With their combat strength, it's less likely that your Leech Pods will be discovered."

"I plan to find out all the potential victims by tonight. Right when the Leech Pods are released into their body to monitor their position, I'll set up a surveillance system without blind spots near their residential areas. I don't think that it can run away!" Encountering an opponent with Enhanced Intelligence just like Bloody, it was ambitious.

"Remember to send me their coordinates after you've found out where they are staying at. I'll have to save them in my dimensional relic so that we'll be able to reach there in the first place when it appears." Lin Huang did not miss out on any detail.

Lin Huang fell asleep very quickly as he had to prepare himself for the battle in the morning.

Bloody was busy until at about eight o'clock in the morning. It managed to find out about 118 of the potential victims who ranked immortal-level rank-1 to rank-3. It searched through the foothold repeatedly three times to make sure that it did not miss out on any of them.

After secretly releasing the Leech Pods into the body of the 118 potential victims, Bloody did not activate them. Instead, it allowed the pods to lie dormant. Bloody did not intend to control them. Instead, it wanted to determine their position and monitor them. The Leech Pods would take over their body when necessary so that it could control them to run away and avoid being killed.

Aside from releasing Leech Pods into their body, their house and toilet were being monitored by the surveillance system without any blind spots as well. Other than that, the area within a 10-kilometer radius from their house was being monitored by Bloody. The surveillance system was activated for 24 hours. All of these were done to avoid the monster from escaping. Although the probability of this happening was relatively small, they had to consider whatever situation that might happen.

After setting everything up, Lin Huang had already finished his breakfast.

He got 118 of the coordinates from Bloody and summoned Thunder. He then started another round of his work.

Soon, Thunder sent Lin Huang to each of the coordinates marked on the map.

He did consider asking for help from Kylie since her speed was on par with Thunder. However, as he thought about everyone in Martel City being in fear and they might assume Kylie to be the murderer, so Huang decided to ask for help from Thunder.

An immortal pet monster which had gone through its third mutation was rare in Martel City. Once Thunder was summoned, it caught many people's attention. Thanks to Thunder's tremendously terrifying speed, before the rest of them could surround it, it flapped its wings and left together with Lin Huang.

Thunder took about three to four minutes to travel from one coordinate to another. In order to save the coordinates, Lin Huang would need only a few minutes. However, he spent more than

seven hours saving 118 of the coordinates in his dimensional relic.

It was slightly after four in the afternoon when they returned to the hotel.

Lin Huang then noticed that Xia Hou had called him for a few times. In order to save the coordinates more efficiently, he had disabled the communication function of the Emperor's Heart Ring so that it would not keep vibrating.

After calling back, soon, Xia Hou answered the video call.

"What are you doing? Why couldn't I reach you all day long? I've sent you a few messages and you didn't reply as well."

"I had something personal to deal with today. That's why I disabled the communication function," Lin Huang explained.

"The autopsy report is out. Have you seen it?" Xia Hou asked.

"No, I haven't. I just returned to the hotel."

"I'll briefly tell you about it. The autopsy report indicates that both of the immortal-level rank-9s were killed by a new form of poison. Although it won't spread, it's fatal. The poison can get into the human body through breathing, pores and more. If any of the immortal-levels are poisoned, the death rate is 100%. One might only be able to survive for less than ten seconds. However, the body of an imperial-level might not be able to defend against such a poison completely." Xia Hou continued, "I've been thinking about it for a long time. Since the case is too dangerous, I'm not going to investigate any further. In fact, after obtaining the autopsy report, about half of the investigators have left Martel City. I advise you to quit. It's not worth dying for a few resources. The case can't be handled by an immortal-level. They have to look for an imperial-level."

"Thank you for reminding me. However, I'll make my decision only after reading through the autopsy report on my own."

He then hung up the phone with Xia Hou and quickly checked

the autopsy report. He did not expect so many of them to quit. After carefully reading through the autopsy report, he understood everyone's concern.

They used to think that the murderer's ability was very limited since the murderer was only capable of killing immortal-levels rank-1 to rank-3. However, after knowing that the monster's ability was far beyond their imaginations and could even kill an immortal-level rank-9, in addition to the new type of poison which nobody had ever seen before, it was pretty understandable that they decided to quit.

Lin Huang did not persuade Xia Hou to stay since he was not going to ask him to join the operation that night. He had too many secrets and would definitely reveal his ability if he were to act together with Xia Hou.

"They don't know that regardless of whether they quit or not. It makes no difference." Bloody laughed.

"After tonight, the monster will no longer appear." Closing the communication page, Lin Huang said what Bloody wanted to very calmly.

Chapter 749: The Murderer Showed Up

Before midnight, there was complete silence in Martel City as if the big foothold had fallen asleep.

It was almost 12 a.m. now. It was drizzling with rain and there were only a few people on the street. The street lights had equal distances between each other and they were placed along both sides of the street. The lights gave a faint yellow glow and apparently, the sunstones had not been replaced for a long time.

Martel City itself was not a prosperous city, which was why it had a rather boring nightlife. On a normal day, one could hardly see any people on the street after 10.30 p.m, let alone on a rainy day.

"How long has it been raining for?"

In the hotel room which was brightly lit, Lin Huang, who was sitting with his legs crossed on the sofa, slowly opened his eyes. He had been connected to his soul for the whole day to learn about the Sorcerer Dao and now, he was recovering from his thoughts. He heard the rain pelting the window right after he regained his senses.

"It started raining since 8.30 a.m. and the rain has never stopped since then." Bloody was floating on top of the tea table in front of Lin Huang. It was lingering in the air and it looked like purple cotton candy that had been magnified ten times.

"Is the weather going to affect the investigation of your Leech Pods?" Lin Huang slightly frowned, looking out of the window.

"To be honest, it does affect the Leech Pods. On a rainy day, there's less sunlight and the rainfall will affect their ability to see. With the weather like this, the detection ability of the pods will be reduced by approximately 15%," Bloody explained in detailed, "Another problem is that the monster is capable of transforming

itself into its semi-transparent state, so it can definitely take advantage of the weather."

"Is it going to have a significant impact on it?" Lin Huang immediately asked.

"Not that significant though. Despite its capability of transforming into a semi-transparent state, it doesn't mean that it'll completely disappear from sight. The rain isn't going to pass through its body. Instead, raindrops that fall onto its body help in outlining the shape of its body. With careful observation, it shouldn't be difficult to figure it out," Bloody explained further.

Lin Huang was then relieved and nodded. He got up from the sofa and walked towards the window, standing in front of it and looking through it.

There were only three walls in the hotel room. One of the walls was made completely of bio-resin glass. The two large windows in the living room were attached to the glass wall, through which he could look from the room.

As the rain hit the resin glass, the water accumulated and trickled down the glass.

Lin Huang did not fix his gaze on the raindrops. Instead, he looked through the transparent glass as if his vision could pass through the dark night.

There was a potential immortal-level rank-3 victim living in the luxurious area which was about two hundred meters away. Lin Huang only realized that the potential victim was so near to the hotel that he had chosen two days ago after Bloody had completely identified all the potential victims.

There were the villas in the luxurious area. Lin Huang's hotel room was on the 128th floor. As he looked down from the top, he had a clear view of the entire vicinity.

The area was empty. Aside from the guard house that was located

at the entrance, there were only three houses that still had their lights turned on, including the potential victim's house.

The small region was within the range covered by Lin Huang's territory which had a radius of 3,000 meters. He could monitor everyone's activities in the region without his eyesight.

In the guard house, the security guard on-duty was having his supper. In one of the villas that were brightly lit, there was a couple exercising on the bed. In another villa, a muscular man was taking his bath. As for the last villa, the potential victim was sitting up straight in his study room. It seemed like he was checking the mails on his Emperor's Heart Ring.

Lin Huang managed to look through the entire region in just one glance. Realizing that there was nothing odd happening, he shifted his gaze and lowered his head to look at the Emperor's Heart Ring. As projected by the Emperor's Heart Ring, it was already 11.46 p.m.

"Nothing happened, has it?" Lin Huang looked in the direction where Bloody was. He believed that with Bloody's monitoring ability, it was impossible for it to miss anything. Since there was no news coming from Bloody, it indicated that the murderer had not acted yet. However, the clock was about to strike 12, causing Lin Huang to frown.

As doubt arose in his mind, he looked out the window again. As his sight penetrated through the dark night, he fixed his gaze on a street which was devoid of presence.

The street looked the same as what he had seen earlier. It was still empty. As the street lamps shone down the street, an extremely thin, green shadow appeared in a flash.

Due to the interference caused by the raindrops and the mist, the green shadow could be barely detected. Lin Huang sensed that something had broken into his territory. Otherwise, he might not have been able to discover the presence of the shadow.

"The murderer is here! It's right below us!"

"What a coincidence!"

Lin Huang smiled, shaking his head. He indeed had never expected that among 118 of the potential victims, the murderer would choose the one right below him. There was no need to use the coordinates that he had saved into his dimensional relic previously.

Bloody immediately transformed into a purple glow and hid in Lin Huang's sleeve. Without a moment of hesitation, Lin Huang then left the hotel room through the window. Like a night bird, he flew down from a building that was hundreds of meters tall. His target was the shadow that was barely visible to the naked eye.

Despite the fact that its body was close to being transparent, the murderer which was within the coverage of Lin Huang's territory resembled a lamp in the dark. Regardless of how it was going to hide, Lin Huang would be able to sense it.

The method used by Bloody was rather stupid. Its Leech Pods noticed that the raindrops in that area splashed in mid-air before they hit the ground.

Seemingly, the murderer did not know that it had already been discovered. It moved swiftly and killed all the monitoring monsters in that area.

After killing the last surveillance mosquito, it then realized that something was amiss and gradually turned its body around.

Right at this moment, Lin Huang landed on the ground. He was like falling leaves in autumn as he landed on the ground quietly.

Although he could hardly see his opponent's body, Lin Huang knew very well that the murderer was less than ten meters away from him. Also, he knew that the unknown monster was sizing him up curiously.

"You have quite a strong detection ability. I tried to restrain my

aura to the most I could, but I've still been discovered," Lin Huang said as if he was talking to himself.

The monster that was almost transparent knew that it had been discovered. It did not bother to hide anymore and its body gradually solidified.

Seeing the body apparition, Lin Huang frowned. His opponent appeared in a human form without fear. Its body and face looked exactly the same as the muscular corpse that he had seen in the morgue two days ago.

After its body was formed, a heavy coat appeared on the surface of the monster's body, covering it. Obviously, it had a certain degree of understanding about the human lifestyle.

"I know that you can understand what I'm talking about. If you don't mind, could you please tell me what type of monster are you? I couldn't find you in the monster guide," Lin Huang asked as if he was teasing the monster. In fact, his body was actually ready to be engaged in a fight.

"You've not even achieved immortal-level. How dare you provoke me?" The monster narrowed its eyes. He did not act immediately as he could not understand why Lin Huang had the courage to do so. He even doubted if Lin Huang had set a trap for it or if he might have some other people to back him up.

"You don't need to look around. I didn't bring anyone here," Lin Huang said with his palms up in mock surrender. However, he thought to himself, "Summoning monsters aren't humans anyway."

The monster guessed that what Lin Huang said might be true since it detected nothing. Its eyes then flashed with a trace of fury. "Since you want to die, I'm not going to be kind to you!"

Chapter 750: Evil Spirit Type

It was about midnight right now and the night was pitch black. The sky was covered by a cloak of dark clouds and the stars could not be seen.

Without the street lamps, one could see nothing in the dark as they walked along the street.

Martel City experienced a light drizzle, which made the weather a little chilly, adding to the joys of autumn which had just started in August.

On a lonely street next to the luxurious area, there were two figures standing on the opposite side of the street lamp.

One of the figures was about two meters tall and was dressed in a dark-colored coat, looking very muscular. Lightning crackled through the sky and its face could be clearly seen in an instant. It had extremely short hair which was very close to the scalp. It looked ferocious and the scar on the bridge of its nose enhanced its terrifying appearance.

As for another figure, he looked like an ordinary teenager at the height of about 1.8 meters. Compared to the man next to him, he looked rather skinny. He was in casual wear. He wore a white T-shirt and a pair of jeans. The only difference was that he had an attractive appearance. His pair of black eyes looked brighter at night as if they were two priceless, black gemstones.

The sunstones emitted a faint yellow glow, projecting light over up to ten meters away. The light highlighted the shimmer of the rain, resembling snowflakes that were falling from the sky. However, the two of them who stood under the streetlight, did not get soaked in the rain. With careful observation, one would notice that the raindrops were actually repelled before touching their clothes. Seemingly, there was a layer of thin, transparent film that repelled the rain.

Sleet Repel!

Only those who were on holy fire-level possessed such a skill.

With a slight activation, the rotating Life Power in the body of the holy fire-level would cause a force field to appear on the surface of their body. Despite the fact that the force field did not possess the ability to defend them, it was sufficient to protect their body from rain or hailstones. It was also one of the differences between transcendents and ordinary humans.

In fact, after getting to the immortal-level, one's Life Power would be further strengthened and there was no need to deliberately activate their Life Power. The force field would be activated on its own and it would last for 24 hours. Not only would it protect them from sleet, even dust would not settle on their clothes. Generally, it could keep one's body away from dirt even if one did not shower for a year. (Hmmm, I feel like spa therapists are going to lose their jobs...)

Lin Huang sized his opponent up through the rain. If he had not witnessed the entire process of his transformation in addition to knowing that the human that he transformed into had already died, Lin Huang might have thought that he was indeed a human.

The aura exuded by the monster was exactly the same as a human's. Despite Lin Huang only being ten meters away from it, he could not figure out anything odd. Furthermore, he could sense just from its aura alone that the strength of the monster was the same as the victim's; the both of them were on immortal-level rank-3.

An ordinary immortal-level rank-3 would mean nothing to him. However, he dared not underestimate the monster that had appeared right in front of him. He witnessed how he managed to poison two immortal-level rank-9s through the Backtracking Mirror. He could not even confirm whether the monster's ability was of immortal-level rank-3 or not as it might be trying to mimic

the victim's combat strength.

Just as Lin Huang was carefully sizing the monster up, the monster was studying Lin Huang as well. Not only was it sizing him up, it looked at the surroundings carefully as well.

After confirming that nobody was there to back Lin Huang up, it suddenly released its aura that was initially suppressed. Earlier, the aura resembled Mars, but eventually, it burnt the entire grassland.

At that moment, only then Lin Huang was able to sense its fiendish aura that was different from humans.

"The aura... Are you a fiend?" Lin Huang frowned. However, he could vaguely feel that the aura it released was slightly different from the fiends'. Although it was as brutal as the aura released by the fiends, it was rather wicked.

"No, it should be an evil spirit type. The aura of the fiends tends to be darker, but the evil spirit's aura will be eviler." Bloody's voice was heard.

Lin Huang frowned again as he heard of the evil spirit type. He had to be careful and his dark combat sword instantly formed in his hand.

Since Lin Huang used to be a teacher who had read through all the monster guides and other monster information in the Martial Hunter College, he knew very well what the evil spirit type was.

Most of the evil spirits were created after going through a spiritual transformation. Some of them were transformed from the spirits of the dead due to resentment. Also, some of the spiritual creatures were transformed into evil spirits as they were contaminated. Evil spirits were also formed simply due to the accumulation of negative emotions.

In short, this type of monster was extremely wicked and they had shockingly sinister attack skills.

"Isn't the evil spirit type often controlled by their negative emotions and that there's a limit to their intelligence?" A thought suddenly came across Lin Huang's mind. "The monster managed to plan chain murders without leaving any evidence. It doesn't look like it's a monster with low intelligence."

"I wouldn't get it wrong based on the aura it released. It's dark, brutal, and evil. They're all mixed up... It's definitely the evil spirit type," Bloody said confidently, "Although it's smart, it might just be a special case."

As soon as the aura emitted by the monster reached its peak, the evil spirit suddenly moved.

Despite moving with a bulky body that had a height of more than two meters, its speed was terribly fast, which far surpassed an immortal-level rank-3. Lin Huang could only see a moving shadow.

However, not being able to capture its motion was not a big problem for Lin Huang as his territory managed to cover about three kilometers. Even an ant would not be able to escape him, let alone a muscular man that was more than two meters tall.

Lin Huang reacted just as his Territory sensed it. He brandished his sword forward without a moment of hesitation.

The purple Life Fire in his Life Wheel was burning vigorously. His Life Power resembled a river, flowing through his body. Right at that moment, the black combat sword turned purple and a purple glow covered its blade. The blade which was about 80 centimeters long instantly transformed into a giant blade that was about two meters long.

Bang!

At almost the same time when the purple blade was formed, the evil spirit came right in front of Lin Huang. It was so muscular and had bulging veins. One could even vaguely see the blood coursing through.

The evil spirit did not hold any weapons in hand. However, it had a gigantic fist. After stretching it back, it struck a heavy blow at him.

At that moment, there was a loud explosion in the air. Before the blow struck, a vacuum was formed and the rain stopped.

Lin Huang's pupils dilated as he witnessed the attack unfolding. He immediately activated his Life Power to its maximum and the purple blade expanded a few more feet.

The blade was extremely sharp as the air was slightly distorted while it flew by. His sword slashed through the raindrops right in front of him.

The both of them did not hold back, striking with murderous intent.

Right under the streetlamps, a white and a black shadow crashed into each other.

Chapter 751: Lin Huang Versus Evil Spirit Type

Under the dark sky, the street lights emitted a faint, yellow glow, lighting up the street.

Two glows suddenly crashed into each other under one of the street lamps.

One of the glows was as black as ink whereas the other glow was purple in color.

The black and the purple glow covered the light of the sunstones in an instant and collided with each other.

Bang!

A loud explosion was heard as if hundreds of thunders had crashed together at the same time.

Neither of the glows would give in, spreading out like mist. All the lights emitted from the street lamps were engulfed as they flew by.

The aftershock of the force as a result of the collision stirred up the atmosphere. It was akin to throwing stones into still water. The atmosphere resembled waves, bringing forth an aggressive wind that rippled everywhere.

The street lamp, which was situated right at the center of the force, was shrouded by the two beams of lights in an instant, being crushed into powder. Despite the fact that the main material used to make the street lamps was the biochemically manufactured alloy, which was corrosion-resistant and had high tensile strength when encountering a strong immortal-level, it was just as weak as a plastic toy.

The street lamp was not the only thing destroyed.

Almost everything within the area covered by the two glows

turned into ashes. Not only did the walls on both sides of the area disappear, even the ground beneath their feet had collapsed, creating a huge pit which was about ten meters deep.

The wind blew ferociously, causing the trees and plants on both sides of the street to fall. Some of them were even uprooted. The garbage bins on the roadsides clattered to the ground and there was trash everywhere as they were blown by the wind. Some of the garbage bins were sent hundreds of meters away.

The loud explosion stirred up the atmosphere, causing the glass in many of the houses to break. Countless people were awakened by the thunderous booms and many of them thought that an earthquake was rumbling. Some of them even ran out of their houses naked.

Some of the transcendents could sense the vibration of the force and they knew that it was a battle between immortal-levels. They carefully looked through the window from afar in the direction where the explosion had happened.

In mid-air, the two glows gradually faded like mist after the collision. The black and the white shadows each retreated tens of meters away from the mist.

Lin Huang could confirm that his opponent's ability was on par with his after the collision. Despite being merely a purple flame-level, he could actually fight against an ordinary immortal-level rank-8. Although the monster's combat strength was only on immortal-level rank-3, its ability could be compared to Bai and Charcoal's.

"It's a battle between advanced immortal-levels!"

In the luxurious area, a middle-aged man's pupils dilated as he looked in the direction where the both of them fought. Although he was an immortal-level rank-3, he could clearly sense from the aftershock of the explosion that his ability was far beyond theirs. He would definitely be killed within seconds if the attack struck

him.

The middle-aged man was startled. Soon after, it seemed like something dawned on him as terror filled his face. He immediately left his house through the window and quickly headed in the opposite direction where the battle was taking place.

Of course, Lin Huang could sense that the potential victim was escaping using his Territory skill.

"He's not stupid. He knows that the battle might have happened because of him." Lin Huang took a glance in the direction where the potential victim was heading.

Right at this moment, the evil spirit seemed to possess some unique detection abilities too as it could sense that its target had fled.

It caught a glimpse of Lin Huang and seemingly, it was reluctant to fight him anymore. It stomped down hard on the ground. Along with the howling of the wind, it headed towards its target and chased after it.

"Hey, the game is not over yet. Where are you going?"

Lin Huang grinned, remaining still. However, he thrust his purple combat sword forward. A beam of purple light appeared in mid-air hundreds of meters away, blocking the evil spirit's way.

It was the effect of Lin Huang's Territory as his attack could simply reach any place within the coverage of his skill. In an area with a 3,000-meter radius, the power of the attacks launched within 1,000 meters would not be weakened. Attacks made within 2,000 meters might have 90% of its original attack power whereas 80% of the effect of the attack's strength could be maintained within 3,000 meters.

Despite the evil spirit leaping hundreds of meters forward, it was still within the area covered by Lin Huang's territory. The power of his attack was almost the same as the attack he had struck

previously.

Seeing the glow appear in front of it out of nowhere, the evil spirit's eyes flashed with a trace of fear. It was curious about how Lin Huang had managed to do so. However, it reacted immediately.

It did not dodge, but it struck a blow instead!

Its black Life Power resembled the torrential downpour of a waterfall and again, it bumped into the crescent purple glow.

The black and the purple glow lit up again. Each of the glows engulfed an area which was tens of meters wide, wiping out everything within that region.

A loud thud exploded as if hundreds of cannons had just fired at the same time.

During the explosion, one could still vaguely hear the residents screaming in fear.

In fact, the position where Lin Huang attacked had avoided the residential area. Nobody was injured, but the majority of them were frightened.

As it was blocked by Lin Huang's attack, the evil spirit retreated tens of meters away. Lin Huang was relieved as he could sense that the potential victim had left the region covered by his territory.

The evil spirit seemed to have realized that it would not be able to chase after its target as Lin Huang had obstructed it. It then decided to give up on its target. It turned its body around, giving Lin Huang a death glare.

"Since you want me to let go of my material, you have to replace him and be my material. Although you're weak, you're considered a high-quality material with the abilities and the unique skills you currently have."

"It seems like the both of us are thinking of the same thing." Lin

Huang grinned, showing both of his canine teeth. "I wanted to extract your Life Fire tinder as well so that I can level up to gold flame-level."

The evil spirit smiled evilly. "Since that's the case, let's see who's going to be whose material!"

Having uttered these words, the evil spirit completely gave up on its initial target.

With its coat fluttering in the wind, black mist enveloped its entire body as if a heinous monster was arriving. All the areas that he passed by were covered in the black mist. The dark sky became even more ominous and it seemed like an apocalypse was happening within hundreds of meters around them.

Lin Huang had no fear at all. He took a step forward with his sword and flew up into the sky. The purple mist surrounding his body got thicker as he passed through the sky. It looked like a purple ribbon was streaking across the sky as he flew by, resembling a gigantic purple python.

In mid-air, many of the people witnessed the strange phenomenon that was happening thousands of meters away.

After watching this, the majority of the ordinary residents knew that the thunderous booms did not happen because of a natural disaster. Instead, it was a battle between them.

Many of the residents who were once brave lowered their heads, hiding behind the building. They secretly watched the rare scene from afar.

The cultivators nearby were extraordinarily excited as they watched the battle with anticipation and respect.

Chapter 752: The Unwelcome Reinforcements

Mid-air, the black, and the purple glow appeared in a flash and crashed into each other intensely. Both of the glows faded and the collision repeated again and again.

It looked like someone had caused a fire, but each time, the location of the fire could not be confirmed.

In less than a minute, Lin Huang had collided with the evil spirit for more than ten times.

Each time that they clashed with each other, it would always result in a strong explosion and a terrifying shock.

In an area within hundreds of kilometers, almost all the transcendents could sense the battle happening.

Some of them were shocked at their abilities, but they could not understand why the both of them would fight in the city. There were also those who guessed that the battle must be somehow related to the murder cases that had happened within the first half of the month.

Both of them fought right at the center of the city, not far away from the Union Government. The majority of the Union Government's officers were staying somewhere near the Union Government's office. As soon as they could sense the intense battle that was happening, the immortal-levels in Martel City quickly rushed towards the place where Lin Huang and the evil spirit were.

The evil spirit did not manage to take advantage of Lin Huang even after several collisions. It began to feel nervous. It knew very well that the longer the battle, the less favorable the conditions would be. It was the human world. The people from the Union Government and the Hunter Association would arrive very soon to back Lin Huang up. If it were to be surrounded by them, it would

not be able to make it.

After giving it some thought, the evil spirit type no longer had the urge to fight. It was eager to kill the human who had ruined its plans. However, saving its own life was more important. The evil spirit would be the one to bear the loss if it continued fighting the human.

Lin Huang noticed that it wanted to retreat as well. His attack grew more and more intense.

After clashing with each other several times, the black glow was gradually covered by the purple glow.

Initially, the both of them were equally powerful. Then, the situation got warped. It turned out to be a one-sided battle.

Lin Huang did not want his opponent to escape. If it happened to run away, it would be more careful the next time since its whereabouts had now been found. On the other hand, he wished that he could kill the evil spirit before the rest of them got there because those who were stronger than the evil spirit would arrive later. Their appearance would cause the tinder in the evil spirit's body to disappear right after its death and he would not be able to extract the tinder. Then, his efforts over the past few days would have been in vain.

"Hmph. I'm giving up today. I'll definitely kill you the next time!"

A flicker of fury flashed through its eyes. It did not expect that it would be suppressed by a holy fire-level. How humiliating!

However, it knew the situation very well. If it were to stay there, perhaps in less than two minutes, more humans and the rest of them would be here and it would be unable to escape by then.

As the thought flashed through its mind, the evil spirit type did not hesitate any more. Again, it struck a heavy blow in mid-air and crashed with the purple glow. It was apparent that it did not strike at full force. Even its fist was slashed by the purple blade and a

long, bloody wound appeared. However, it did not look like it suffered from the wound pain. Instead, it glanced at Lin Huang with an insulting expression. It stomped on the ground and with the help of the aftershock as a result of Lin Huang's sword attack, it retreated at a speed that was three times faster than its top speed.

The evil spirit almost managed to leave Lin Huang's territory. Lin Huang did not block its way. He grinned, calling out a name instead, "Kylie!"

Soon, a tall and slim lady, who was clad in her black armor, suddenly appeared next to Lin Huang on his right. She wore a black mask which covered half of her face. Twelve black wings extended from her back, featuring white lightning patterns on them as if they heralded the arrival of a god. The black spear in her hand was surrounded by the purple patterns and her aura had reached its peak.

"Block its way," Lin Huang uttered three simple words.

Kylie instantly transformed into a black shadow and flew towards the evil spirit in a flash. In just the blink of an eye, the black shadow was there to block its way.

Seeing Kylie appear out of nowhere, the evil spirit's pupils dilated. The both of them were on immortal-level rank-3 and Kylie was at her maximum speed. None of the creatures of the same combat level could be faster than her, including the evil spirit.

The evil spirit could confirm that the lady who was blocking its way was not weak. However, it had no other choice. Vengeance flickered in its eyes as it attempted to make it through to strike a blow at Kylie. Since Kylie was much faster than it was, its effort to avoid her and to escape in the other direction would be rendered useless as Kylie would block its way again. However, it did not want to bug Kylie anymore. It wanted to escape as soon as its attack struck her. Despite her tremendously terrifying fast speed,

it did not mean that she would have powerful close-range skills. It was very confident in its close-range combat.

The evil spirit was surrounded by a black mist. As it was ready to strike, its black Life Power had reached its peak as if its arms and fists were shrouded in black colloids. Just as it struck a heavy blow, black Life Power was released, gushing out like a flowing river. It did not restrain its power at all, hoping that the lady would be severely injured and that it could make its way through.

In her black half mask, Kylie had no facial expression on the other half of her face. Even when she was summoned, she did not speak a single word. As usual, she had a stone cold expression on her face. Even seeing the evil spirit launch an attack at her, her facial expression did not change.

She lifted her hand and swiftly hurled the black spear that she was holding towards the evil spirit. The white lightning pattern on her spear transformed into a dazzling, white spot at the tip of the spear in an instant.

Before crashing with the black, river-like Life Power, the white spot exploded abruptly. A white shockwave suddenly appeared and clashed with the black, river-like Life Power.

The black and the white glow attracted everyone's attention. The collision between the two beams of lights resulted in countless thunderous booms, creating a strong wind.

Many of them who witnessed this felt strange. Originally, the purple glow was fighting the black glow. They wondered why the white glow would appear and how come the aura exuded by the white glow was slightly different. Could there be a third person?

Lin Huang floated in mid-air and he remained unaffected by the strong wind. He fixed his gaze at the region where the both of them collided and seemingly, he was not affected by the intense light resulting from the explosion at all as he could still see the situation of the battle clearly.

Both of them were on immortal-level rank-3. Lin Huang was surprised as the evil spirit was capable of fighting Kylie face-to-face even after Kylie had gone through her third mutation in addition to possessing advanced dark angel blood.

Lin Huang had seen how powerful Kylie's close-range skills were. Along with the transformation of her blood and the increasing number of mutations which she had gone through, Kylie was much more potent than before. Kylie was one of the strongest summoning monsters that Lin Huang owned. If Kylie were to fight Lin Huang, the outcome of the battle would be unknown.

"What is the evil spirit actually?" Lin Huang slightly narrowed his eyes, looking at the evil spirit that had transformed into a human form.

After sizing up the evil spirit for a short while, he suddenly turned his head in another direction. His facial expression immediately changed.

He could sense that several powerful auras were approaching him swiftly. Two of the auras were of at least immortal-level rank-7 or above.

"Someone's coming. It seems like they're from the Union Government."

Lin Huang knew that reinforcement was arriving, but he did not look happy. He frowned instead. Their appearance would indicate that even if he managed to kill the evil spirit, he would not be able to extract the tinder as the Life Fire would vanish.

"I'm in trouble..."

Chapter 753: Changing the Battleground

According to the tinder extraction rules imposed in this world, if humans with higher combat strength than the Life Fire monster were present during its death, its Life Fire would collapse on its own, and nobody would be able to perform the extraction.

This was also the reason why Lin Huang had activated his Sword Dao at full force at the beginning of the battle. Apart from a few of his trump cards, he had used up almost all the skills he possessed to kill the evil spirit before the rest of them arrived.

However, it seemed like it was too late now.

The immortal-levels from the Union Government were approaching. From the aura they released, their combat levels were at least on immortal-level rank-7. At almost the same time when Lin Huang discovered the people within his territory radius, they entered the evil spirit's as well. At this moment, even if the evil spirit were killed, the Life Fire in its body would disintegrate as well.

Sensing that the human reinforcements were approaching, the evil spirit felt nervous and insecure.

It knew very well that if it were to be surrounded by them, it would not be able to survive. It made a few turns as it wanted to avoid Kylie. However, Kylie and her spear blocked it.

As the Union Government's reinforcements were approaching, Lin Huang frowned, troubled. The evil spirit was at least a triple mutated monster with Enhanced Intelligence. It was the best choice as a tinder monster.

Just as Lin Huang was fretting about this, Bloody's voice was heard coming from his sleeve.

"You won't be able to extract the tinder once the Union Government officers arrive. We don't have time to change the

battleground now. The only thing we can do is to stop the tinder from sensing it."

Bloody's piece of advice enlightened Lin Huang.

"I know what to do!"

As soon as he finished his sentence, a golden, palm-sized book quickly formed in front of Lin Huang.

The golden Book of Sorcerer Dao floated at less than a meter away from Lin Huang on its own. Lin Huang extended his hand and placed it on top of the book. Resembling the activation of a door, the Book of the Sorcerer Dao gradually opened.

A black rune lit up in the middle of the page, and soon, a rune was created in the air.

Right after the rune was formed, black mist started spreading out, causing one to feel insecure.

Lin Huang did not do anything. All of a sudden, the air surrounding the evil spirit vibrated. Black chains that resembled shooting arrows blasted off into the sky. There were more than 100 chains, and the number of chains was continually increasing. Despite nobody being able to figure out where the chains were coming from, the evil spirit was obviously their target.

The evil spirit glanced at Kylie and Lin Huang who was far away from it. It could immediately identify the skill that Lin Huang was using as it had spotted the rune being created in front of Lin Huang. It knew Lin Huang's abilities very well. It would be irrational for it to touch the chains since it knew nothing about the effects of the skill.

As the thought came to its mind, the evil spirit moved aside, attempting to dodge the attack. However, right after it did, Kylie then appeared in front of it. She thrust her spear towards it, forcing it to get locked in the chains.

The evil spirit could not do anything and ended up striking

several blows at the chains.

Despite the chains breaking rapidly after being struck by it, they formed again at a speed faster than before. In addition to that, the number of chains was constantly increasing, pouncing on the evil spirit again and again.

Just as the evil spirit got locked in the chains, the Book of Sorcerer Dao appeared in front of Lin Huang. He started flipping quickly and the second black rune was produced rapidly in the air.

Lin Huang grinned, looking in the direction where the evil spirit was. Then, he uttered these words calmly, "Hellish Cage!"

Before he could even finish his words, a huge cage materialized out of nowhere, covering the evil spirit's surroundings which were tens of meters in diameter. It then quickly shrank into a cube which measured a length of about three meters long. The cube was made entirely of the black chains which were roughly the circumference of an adult's arm, and they looked like living black pythons that were entangled together.

"Kylie, activate your mini world."

As soon as the evil spirit got locked in the Hellish Cage, Lin Huang immediately contacted Kylie. He knew very well that the cage would not be able to contain the evil spirit for a long time. However, it would be able to buy him some time.

Kylie slightly nodded her head and a whirlpool, which was the entrance to the mini world, was formed in a blink of an eye.

"That's really fast!"

Lin Huang took a glance in the direction where the reinforcements were. The few immortal-levels were getting closer and closer. Perhaps they would arrive in less than 20 seconds. He did not dare to delay a minute longer. With his telekinetic power, he managed to control one of the edges of the Hellish Cage, hurling it towards the entrance of the mini world.

The relatively big black cage hit the whirlpool, sinking into it as if it was drowned in a swamp.

"Let's catch up with it!"

The next second after the Hellish Cage disappeared, Lin Huang transformed into a white beam of light and entered the whirlpool. Kylie, who had received Lin Huang's instructions, immediately turned into a black glow and entered the whirlpool as well.

Right after Kylie disappeared, the whirlpool faded.

In just a short while after that, several figures appeared at the battleground at almost the same time.

The first person was a middle-aged man in a blue checkered shirt, and two people followed him. One of them was in a grey coat, wearing a hat. Another man was in a suit and had short hair. Unexpectedly, they were Feng Yuan and Lan Luo, the people in charge of the murder cases assigned by the Union Government.

The three of them sized up their surroundings. Aside from the collapsed buildings, the vast pits, the fallen trees, and many other traces that were the result of the battle, nobody was there.

"That's kind of weird. Where are they? We could still hear the sound of the battle a few seconds ago. Why isn't there anybody here right now?" Lan Luo, who was in his suit, said curiously.

Feng Yuen lit a cigar and put it into his mouth. He then said casually, "The aftershock of the force is proof that a battle has indeed happened here a few seconds ago."

"Since both parties have disappeared, could either one of them had won the battle a few seconds before we arrived? The one who won must have left together with the dead body." Lan Luo frowned as his assumption had not been verified yet.

"There's no release of Life Power from the transcendent's dead body. What you said might be true." Feng Yuan then exhaled the cigar smoke and smiled, shaking his head. "But I'm more inclined

to another possibility."

"What's that?"

"They didn't want us to interfere in their battle. That's why they changed the battleground." As Feng Yuan said that, his facial expression looked different.

"They must've sensed that we were approaching them. Under normal circumstances, the murderer would've wanted to leave as soon as possible, so that we wouldn't attack it in a group. The investigator who fought it would've tried to buy us time. The activation of a dimensional relic takes time. Normally, the investigator wouldn't give the murderer the time to activate its dimensional relic. Since the both of them disappeared at the same time, it means that the both of them agreed to fight someplace else."

"Why would the investigator want to do so?" Lan Luo still felt that the logic behind it was strange.

"Who knows? Perhaps he's an arrogant man who feels that he can deal with the murderer alone and doesn't want any of us to interfere in the battle." Feng Yue shook his head helplessly. He knew nothing about the "investigator" who fought the murderer and that was the only guess he could come up with.

Chapter 754: Trump Card

In Kylie's mini world, the Hellish Cage that was structured from hundreds of black chains was floating in mid-air.

A loud thud was heard coming from the cage, along with an immense impact wave. The evil spirit was striking the cage aggressively.

The Hellish Cage had just got into the mini world for less than ten seconds and there were cracks all over it as it was besieged by the evil spirit. Out of the hundreds of black chains, none of them was in good condition.

Lin Huang knew earlier that his Witchcraft skills would not have that great an effect on monsters with such abilities. However, it was considered strong enough as he managed to lock it for tens of seconds. Although he had activated the skill, trapping the evil spirit was not his main intention. Instead, he wanted the evil spirit to go into the mini world. Since his purpose had been achieved, he would be able to extract its tinder even if it could get rid of the cage.

Lin Huang and Kylie were standing on the same level as the Hellish Cage, less than 20 meters away. They witnessed the moment when the evil spirit smashed the cage into pieces and breaking out.

The evil spirit was pissed. It wanted to fight Lin Huang who had secretly attacked it as soon as it got out of the cage. However, it discovered something strange.

"Why is the sky so bright?" The evil spirit raised his head and looked towards the sky doubtfully.

It should be slightly after midnight now in Martel City and the sky was dark there. However, it was daytime now in the mini world.

Seeing the sun hanging high in the sky, the evil spirit was puzzled. It shifted its gaze from the sky and peered around. The skyscrapers and the street lamps it was used to had completely disappeared. There was a field instead. Also, it could see flowers of different colors, dancing in the wind.

Sizing up its surroundings, the evil spirit finally shifted its gaze to Lin Huang with a strange facial expression. "Is this the... kingdom?"

"The kingdom?" Lin Huang was startled to hear that.

Seeing Lin Huang unable to understand its question, instead of the strange facial expression it initially had, a smile was now plastered on its face. "It seems like you know nothing about this dimension. That's good. The kingdom belongs to me after your death."

Despite not having any idea what the kingdom was, Lin Huang knew that the dimension it was referring to must be the mini world. Seemingly, it thought that the dimension was within its control and had completely ignored the fact that the owner of the dimension was actually Kylie.

"Whatever. It seems like it's not going to tell me what the kingdom is. I'll just kill it and read its mind." Lin Huang did not want to talk nonsense with it anymore.

With Bloody's help, he could still retrieve its memory after it was killed. There was no need for him to waste his time on this.

Since the evil spirit wanted to take over the control of the dimension while Lin Huang wanted to retrieve its memory, their intentions to kill each other were growing.

"Kylie, if it attempts to flee, block its way!"

Right at the moment as he uttered those words, he rushed towards the evil spirit.

The ten purple Life Fires in his body were burning intensely and

the black combat sword in his hand had turned purple in an instant, transforming into a purple thunderbolt.

On the other hand, the evil spirit's body was shrouded in a black mist. On its right arm, the black mist got denser, turning into liquid form and had completely covered its arm. Seeing Lin Huang was about to pounce on it, it immediately stomped hard on the ground and struck a heavy blow at Lin Huang. The both of them clashed with each other.

Bang!

The collision was different from the one that had happened within the foothold. The both of them gave it their all this time.

The first few collisions that happened at Martel City were just trial attacks as the evil spirit wanted to test Lin Huang's abilities. Although it could confirm that Lin Huang was incapable of killing it, it had not given its all then. It had attempted to flee as it did not want to be attacked by the group.

Lin Huang had suppressed his ability as well. He restricted the areas and regions that would be involved in the battle as he was worried that the battle might affect the ordinary residents. For a battle between immortal-levels, even the aftershock of the battle within a certain distance range would be harmful to ordinary people.

Since they were now in the mini world, aside from Kylie and Bloody, there was no other audience watching the battle, hence Lin Huang was no longer afraid of harming the innocent.

Without having to worry about being surrounded by people, the evil spirit could finally give its best shot. Its ability was at least three times stronger than before.

In mid-air, the purple and the black glows crashed into each other again.

Both of the glows resembled the explosion of clouds, enveloping

almost half of the sky.

The boom of an explosion was heard soon after, stirring up the atmosphere. The grass quivered as a strong wind blew past, and the waves of grass moved across the field into the distance

The two figures collided with each other again in the air, creating thunderous booms. However, the winner of the battle was still unknown.

Each attack Lin Huang launched was activated with level-5 Sword Dao and each legendary-level sword skill unleashed was close to perfect. He was almost reaching the limit achievable by a human in Sword Dao. However, he was still unable to kill the evil spirit.

The evil spirit did not have any relics on hand. It defended Lin Huang's supreme relic with its bare hands. Despite its fists bleeding each time after the collision, the wounds were healed in an instant as if it never had any injuries before.

The most surprising fact was that without any skills to support it, the evil spirit's attack was on par with Lin Huang's legendary-level sword skills. Each attack it struck was powerful and even far surpassed the abilities of most humans with a similar combat strength.

Since Lin Huang was not even an immortal-level, the evil spirit did not expect him to be able to put up a fair fight. Lin Huang himself knew very well that even without a trump card, he could fight an immortal-level rank-8.

"I've indeed underestimated you. Your abilities are comparable to a human supreme genius. I didn't expect a gravel world could train a person like you."

Lin Huang was stunned when he heard what it said. It was the first time for him to come across the term "gravel world". However, since the first day he traveled to this world, he knew that this was an "initial world". Aside from the world he picked for

this voyage, there should be other worlds present too.

"Do you come from a different world?" Lin Huang asked.

"Of course. How could I be the same as the low-class creatures in the gravel world like you? Have you ever encountered any monster in this world that's as smart as I am?" The evil spirit said arrogantly.

"I did really encounter one that was smarter than you. It's hiding in my sleeve," Lin Huang thought to himself.

"It's difficult even to become a Virtual God in the gravel world with rules that are incomprehensive. Many restrictions are imposed on the mutants; even going through our fourth mutation is restricted. I'm not interested in becoming a resident of your world." Perhaps because the evil spirit was trying to show off, more information was revealed.

"So, where did you come from?" Lin Huang had to admit that what it said piqued his curiosity.

"You don't need to know." The evil spirit refused to disclose anything about its background.

"I shall change the question then. Why are you here in our world and intentionally committing murders?" Lin Huang rephrased.

"I'm here purely by accident. I simply wanted to experiment." The evil spirit did not refuse to answer him.

After finishing its sentence, the evil spirit started sizing Lin Huang up with a strange expression. "Actually, you're decent material to experiment on too. Unfortunately, I can't bring your corpse back..."

"Is that true? I have my way to transport your dead body though. There's a skilled forensic scientist who can perform an autopsy on you too," Lin Huang grinned as he said.

"You're such a silver-tongued brat. If it weren't because I've got

such a weak body which has severely restricted my combat strength, I would've pinned you down with one finger. However, it's not difficult for me to kill you now, but it'll be a burden to this body..."

After finishing its words, the evil spirit's aura started to grow. It was originally an immortal-level rank-3. In just a blink of an eye, it managed to grow into an immortal-level rank-4. Its aura still did not stop growing. It was strengthened and soon, it made another breakthrough and leveled up to immortal-level rank-5. In just a short while, there was an upgrade in its combat strength again and it finally achieved immortal-level rank-6.

After three consecutive upgrades, its growing aura started to subside and stopped right after it reached the peak of immortal-level rank-6.

"I'm now capable of fighting an imperial level. Human, just use whatever trump cards you have. Otherwise, you won't have the chance to use them later."

"I'll do as you wish!"

After having uttered those words, Lin Huang secretly crushed a transformation card. Similar to the evil spirit, his combat strength started increasing insanely!

Chapter 755: Murder

Purple flame-level!

Gold flame-level!

Immortal-level rank-1!

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After several moments, Lin Huang's combat strength had upgraded from purple flame-level to immortal-level rank-3. Still, he transformed into Bai with his Transformation Card. The incremental effect on his combat strength was maintained, restricting only the transformation effect. However, his physique was a carbon copy of Bai.

Bai's physique ranked on top when he was compared to triple mutated monsters since he possessed God's blood. He was much more powerful than Lin Huang's original body and he also far exceeded most of the people with similar combat strength.

Sensing that his internal strength was rapidly growing, Lin Huang experienced a temporary delusion of ruining the entire mini world in one strike. However, he knew that it was merely an illusion.

As Lin Huang's combat strength was improving, the evil spirit had a strange expression on its face. It originally thought that if its body could upgrade three levels higher, it could definitely fight Lin Huang regardless of what his trump card was. It did not expect the increase in Lin Huang's combat strength as well. Moreover, his combat strength was now four levels higher, narrowing the gap in combat strength between them.

Noticing the complicated expression his opponent had, Lin Huang calmly retracted the black sword in his hand, switching to an ancient combat sword – the Air Slicer. Soon after, he took out another ancient relic – the Black Feathered Armor and put it on.

He had obtained both of the ancient relics from the black-robed man in the Leib Lab.

"You're the one who asked me to use my trump card. The equipment and the skill to increase my combat strength are my trump cards." Lin Huang laughed, looking at the evil spirit. He continued, "Are you surprised?"

"Dumbass!" The evil spirit thought to itself. However, it maintained a neutral facial expression. "Do you think that you can defeat me this way?"

"You'll know after giving it a try!" Lin Hung's silver Air Slicer was gradually covered by his red Life Power at a speed that was visible to the naked eye.

Right after the Transformation Card had been activated, there were no changes in Lin Huang's body size and at the same time, he could not use Bai's skills. However, the Life Power element in his body had somehow been taken over by Bai's Vampire Particles to a certain extent. The purple color his Life Power used to have due to his purple Life Fire had now turned red, the color of the Vampire Particles. In addition to that, he had inherited part of the Vampire Particles' characteristics.

The blade of the Air Slicer seemed to be shrouded in a thick layer of blood, extending the length of the combat sword which was initially fewer than 80 centimeters to about two meters. The rotation of Life Power resembled lava coursing through the blade of the sword.

On the other hand, the evil spirit's body was enveloped by the black mist. Each and every minute was suppressing as if it the Devil himself was arriving. Its abilities were way more powerful than before due to the increase in its combat strength. Despite the larger upgrade in Lin Huang's abilities, the evil spirit was shocked for a short while. Soon, it managed to calm itself down. It had no fear. Instead, its intention to fight grew stronger due to the

pressure coming from Lin Huang.

In mid-air, the both of them were crashing into each other incessantly. It was like a fuse lighting up the sky.

As they exchanged glances with each other, the grey and the white figures moved at almost the same time.

The black and the purple glows covered the entire sky again, crashing into each other violently in an instant.

A beam of dazzling white light suddenly appeared as they collided with each other. It was so bright and almost covered the sun that was hanging up high in the sky.

Due to the impact that resulted from the explosion, it stirred up the atmosphere, creating a ripple-like storm.

All the flowers and the grass on the field were repressed by the storm, seeming as though they were expressing their fear of the force.

Kylie had retreated thousands of meters away, watching the fierce fight between the both of them from afar. Having achieved an upgrade in their combat strengths, their abilities were far beyond hers. Even the aftershock of the battle would be harmful to her if she got too close.

The purple and the black glows in the air lasted for a short while before the winner was revealed. Soon after, the purple glow smothered the black glow.

Before the black glow started to fade, the evil spirit immediately retreated as it attempted to distance itself from Lin Huang.

Thousands of meters away, the evil spirit glanced at its right hand. Lin Huang's attack had almost managed to cut its palm in half. Even the recovery rate of its body was much slower than before.

It then looked at Lin Huang's combat sword which was shrouded

in the purple glow with fear. Apparently, there was something special with the sword which hindered its recovery rate.

In just one hit, the evil spirit suffered a great loss beyond its expectation.

The sharpness of Lin Huang's Air Slicer was far beyond the supreme relic which he used earlier. Initially, the effect of his attack could do no harm to the evil spirit type and its wound could be healed in just a blink of an eye. However, the attack which he just made almost caused his opponent to lose an arm.

Although the evil spirit type was covered by black mist, still, Lin Huang saw that he almost managed to cut his opponent's palm in half.

"I can finally break through its defense. That's an encouraging start." He grinned. Before the evil spirit's wound could fully recover, Lin Huang seized the opportunity, raising his sword up again and dashing towards the evil spirit.

Mid-air, the black and the purple glows clashed with each other again.

Each time after the collision, the purple glow grew bigger and bigger. On the contrary, the black glow was now weaker than before.

A new wound was formed on the evil spirit's body after each collision. The evil spirit's physique was capable of healing the ordinary sword wounds in an instant. However, there was something special about Lin Huang's Air Slicer and that it most probably hindered its ability to recover. The more collisions they had, the more wounds there were on the evil spirit's body. Even after multiple collisions, the first wound made on its body had not recovered yet.

Despite the fact that it tried to avoid the important body parts, the increasing number of wounds had caused it to become weaker.

Noticing that its body was getting weaker and weaker, the evil spirit's eyes flashed with a trace of fury.

When Lin Huang was about to assault it again, it did not dodge and even ignored the attack, striking a blow at Lin Huang's brain.

"Are you trying to exchange wound for wound?"

Soon, Lin Huang figured out what its intention was. He then shifted the direction of his sword. He wanted to attack its waist and turned out to be attacking his opponent's arms instead.

After several attacks, the evil spirit had less control over its body. In addition to having just struck at full force, it could no longer hold back.

The next moment, as the blood red sword sliced through it, black blood started oozing out from its wound and its arm was blown high up in the sky. The limb had completely detached from the evil spirit's body.

With just one mistake, the evil spirit had lost an arm.

As for the upcoming battles, the evil spirit could no longer fight back. It looked like a collapsing dam that could no longer stop the torrential flow of blood.

In less than three minutes, Lin Huang ended the battle, cutting the evil spirit in half with his blood red sword.

Seeing the two halves of the body that had fallen to the ground, Lin Huang frowned.

"I didn't receive any notification that I've obtained the dropped item and there isn't any notification regarding the extraction of the tinder as well... Is it still alive?"

Lin Huang gradually descended, staring at the upper body of the evil spirit.

The evil spirit with only half of its body remained glaring at Lin Huang without an ounce of fear. It laughed wryly instead. "Human

brat, the battle isn't over yet!"

Chapter 756: Revived?

"Human brat, the battle isn't over yet!"

After having those words uttered, the evil spirit looked at Lin Huang with an insulting expression. It grinned, then let out a wicked, loud laugh.

"What are you laughing at!?"

Lin Huang ignored its strange behavior. He moved his arms slightly, slicing through the evil spirit with his bloody sword again. On its ferocious face, blood started flowing out from its forehead to its chin. The next second, the evil spirit's head was cut in half. Black brain juice dripped from its skull to the ground, and the copper scent of the blood permeated the air.

The next moment, Lin Huang frowned and looked towards the half of its dead body from which its head had already exploded.

"It's strange. I didn't receive any notification saying that it's been killed," Lin Huang mumbled.

As he gazed at the headless half of the corpse, it seemed like a certain substance had melted it as it quickly turned into a black mist and vanished. Soon, the same happened to the evil spirit's lower body as it disappeared as well.

Seeing the strange phenomenon, Lin Huang picked up his sword again, tearing towards the black mist with his Air Slicer. However, his sword penetrated through the black mist and his attack was rendered useless.

With his trial attack, he realized that his offense had no effect on the evil spirit. Lin Huang then retreated tens of meters away in a flash. He observed the region enveloped by the black mist from afar. He knew that his opponent had not died yet. Although he had no idea what the black mist was, he still chose to retreat to avoid being tainted by the black mist.

Ever since he had traveled to this world, there was danger lurking everywhere. Everyone had various types of skills. Even Mr. Fu, who was a Virtual God, could be tricked. Therefore, Lin Huang was more cautious about the things which he was unsure of.

Lin Huang was unfamiliar with the current situation. It was his first time encountering a monster that could not die despite its head having exploded. Even those who possessed Enhanced Regeneration would definitely die due to the unique attributes exhibited by the Air Slicer.

Still, Lin Huang did not shift his gaze elsewhere, focusing on the two clumps of black mist. He then asked Bloody that was hiding in his sleeve, "Its dead body was burnt. Do you have any idea what's happening over there?"

"There are no relevant records found in the monster guide, and I've never seen anything like this before," Bloody said based on its observation, "It was killed just now, but it's still alive. It seems like it's using some sort of substitute skill. It could be a new skill that hasn't been recorded."

"Sounds like it." Lin Huang recalled what he just saw, feeling that what Bloody said might be true.

Just when the both of them were talking to each other, Lin Huang suddenly noticed that the two masses of black mist which had transformed from the evil spirit's lower body was starting to merge.

He frowned and soon, he thrust his sword forward. The bloody glow that could be seen on its blade pierced through the black mist and struck the ground far away from him, forming a bottomless pit in the ground. The black mist remained unaffected and continued to merge.

Although Lin Huang found it worrisome, since his attack had no effect on his enemy, he was not going to waste his energy on it. Following the merging of the black mist, a human figure gradually

formed.

Witnessing the human figure was getting clearer and clearer, Lin Huang could vaguely guess what was going to happen next.

Within seconds, the human figure that was formed from the black mist became so clear as if it were real. It simply looked like somebody had modeled a black female silhouette.

Lin Huang relaunched another trial attack. As usual, his bloody sword managed to penetrate through the black silhouette with ease as if there was nothing there.

A person's face slowly appeared from the black mist. The person's features could be clearly seen on the face which was initially dark. Unexpectedly, it was the face of a beautiful lady.

The moment as Lin Huang saw its face, he felt a sense of déjà vu as though he had seen it before.

While its body was gradually forming, its waist-length hair was blowing in the wind. Finally, a whole female body was revealed. At that moment, Lin Huang then recalled who the woman was.

"Indeed, it has come back to life. I can clearly remember this is how the female victim looked like when I saw her in the mortuary."

Startlingly, its body looked like the immortal-level rank-3 woman who was killed by the evil spirit earlier. From its face to its body, each strand of her hair looked exactly the same as if the female victim had come back to life.

The evil spirit that had transformed into a woman slowly opened its eyes. It fixed its gaze at Lin Huang and gave him a cunning smile. "I told you earlier that the battle between us isn't over yet."

"I think it's better for you to put your clothes on first. Otherwise, people might think that we're filming some education film." Lin Huang studied her from head to toe. He had to admit that she had an attractive body. Since she was the one who did not bother

putting on her clothes, he had nothing to lose.

"Is this the human sense of shame?" The evil spirit laughed.

"Perhaps it is," Lin Huang admitted, "It's your decision whether to put on your clothes or not. Regardless of what your decision is, I'm not going to show you any mercy. Also, don't expect me to take my clothes off together with you. I'm not that open a person."

The evil spirit chuckled, and soon, clothes gradually materialized. The piece of clothing was precisely what the victim had worn when she was killed. It wore a short-sleeved, light yellow top and a light blue linen skirt. It looked quite pretty in the attire.

"Hehe, it doesn't matter whether you're an open person or not as you're going to be a dead person soon."

As soon as it finished its words, a green saber appeared in the evil spirit's hand. A glow could be seen on the blade of the saber itself, and apparently, it was a supreme relic.

"It majors in saber?"

Lin Huang was startled. He had gone through the victim's information. He knew that the evil spirit had transformed into the woman who used to major in saber. However, he did not expect that the evil spirit would have mastered Saber Dao. When the evil spirit had fought him with the body of the muscular man, it was using close-range skills.

"Be careful. The effect of its transformation skill might not be just being a substitute. It could've inherited the victim's skills," Bloody immediately reminded.

Just as he saw the evil spirit taking out the supreme relic, Lin Huang had already made such a guess.

However, Lin Huang was excited.

Since there were arguments between sword and saber as those who majored in both schools had equally powerful attacks, the

cultivators from both sides argued that each of their weapons was the strongest.

Despite such a thought never having come across Lin Huang's mind since he believed that different weapons would have different effects, it was inevitable that he would want to know who would be stronger. After all, he never had the opportunity to bump into a person who majored in Saber Dao and was as strong as him so far.

"I hope that your saber will be stronger than your fist. Otherwise, I'll feel really disappointed."

Chapter 757: I Definitely Want It!

The saber-wielding woman which the evil spirit transformed into was pretty. As it looked at Lin Huang, charm oozed out of it. Seemingly, its personality would change together with its body after each transformation.

The first time when it had transformed into a muscular man, its beast mode was activated. Not a single weapon was used, and its attack mode was precisely what the body was good at, which was the close-range combat.

As for the second transformation, it had apparently activated the demonic saber mode. Looking at the saber itself, one would know that there would be significant changes in its attack mode after its transformation.

However, despite the woman being a saber major, there were different types of saber specializations. Before striking, Lin Huang could not identify which stream it specialized in.

In this era, the three major streams of the saber major were speed stream, assassination stream, and attack stream. They were then categorized into ten sub-streams and based on physique alone, one would not be able to judge which stream they specialized in. In addition to that, his opponent was a transcendent instead of an ordinary person whose strength could be judged based on their muscularity and their body size.

Seeing the woman's body gradually form and the evil spirit taking out a green saber, Lin Huang's intention to fight grew.

"I'm afraid that I might damage the previous body. That's why I didn't give it my all during the strength upgrade when I was using his body." The evil spirit's voice was suddenly heard. "I'll not repeat the same mistake again in the next round."

As soon as it finished its words, the evil spirit's aura started to

grow again. The situation was exactly the same as what had happened during the muscular man's combat strength upgrade.

In just a blink of an eye, the woman's combat strength had reached immortal-level rank-3. Soon after, it managed to go through the levels as if there were no obstacles at all.

Immortal-level rank-4!

Immortal-level rank-5!

Immortal-level rank-6!

Right after it got to immortal-level rank-6 which was at the same level as the muscular man's, the saber-wielding woman's combat strength still did not stop growing. Instead, it managed to make a breakthrough, leveling up to immortal-level rank-7!

As the beautiful woman got to that level, it seemed like its body had reached its limit as well. It revealed a pained face and veins started bulging in its neck and forehead, looking extremely ferocious. The beautiful woman, who seemed about 20 years of age, was now at least twice as old as before.

Obviously, immortal-level rank-6 was the maximum limit which the saber-wielding woman could achieve. Exceeding this limit, its body would go into overdrive.

When its body was overloaded with stress, its body could not sustain for the long-term. However, the evil spirit decided to do so as it wanted to defeat Lin Huang. Despite it being highly possible that the evil spirit would lose the body forever if the body were overworked, the body could somehow strengthen its abilities, increasing its probability of winning the fight. It would definitely be better than losing the battle and being killed by Lin Huang.

However, what caught Lin Huang's attention during the evil spirit's transformation was not the upgrade in its combat strength. It was the supreme relic which the saber-wielding woman was holding instead. Unexpectedly, the quality of its supreme relic had

also been upgraded, and it was now an ancient relic. The aura exuded by the ancient relic could not be disguised.

"The supreme relic has evolved to an ancient relic?! How could it have done that?" Lin Huang found it unbelievable. It was his first time encountering someone who was capable of upgrading a supreme relic to an ancient relic. He even doubted if the Virtual God, Mr. Fu, could do so.

Before Lin Huang could figure it out, the evil spirit's aura which had reached immortal-level rank-3 had stabilized.

Be it its combat strength or the new ancient relic which it was holding, it was evident that its abilities were incomparable to the muscular man's.

"Are you ready?" The evil spirit's purple skirt blew up in the wind as it smiled crookedly.

Before it could even finish its words, the green saber had turned into a beam of light and ripped out at a breakneck speed. Its speed was at least ten times faster than the muscular man's.

"Holy cow, that's quick!" Lin Huang exclaimed. He had encountered many enemies in the past few years. However, this attack was undoubtedly the fastest he had ever seen.

At almost the same time when the green glow flashed, the tip of the saber was already less than a meter away from Lin Huang.

Despite his Territory skill being activated and completely capturing the evil spirit's movement, the attack was so agile to the point that Lin Huang could not pick up his sword in time.

Seeing the green glow tearing apart the layer of air and arriving right between his eyebrows, Lin Huang frowned and his fingers on his left hand twitched slightly.

When the green blade was less than 20 centimeters away from Lin Huang's brows, it suddenly stopped. A black wave appeared out of nowhere as if a drop of water had fallen into the contaminated

black water and the ripples spread. A black mirror that resembled the surface of the water appeared in front of Lin Huang, and the attack was dodged.

The evil spirit did not expect Lin Huang to possess a defensive skill like that. Since its attack was blocked, it was stunned. However, right at the moment when it was shocked, a beam of green light shot out of the mirror. It was the glow of the saber, striking towards the evil spirit's brows at a similar speed.

"A reflection?!"

The evil spirit was startled. The speed of the beam of green light was about as fast as its own. At such a short distance, it had no time to either retract the saber or to move aside in order to dodge the attack.

The evil spirit clenched its teeth as it slightly tilted its head, barely avoiding the attack. It knew that it could not completely prevent it. However, it had no other choice.

At that moment, the green beam of light pierced through the evil spirit's right eye and went straight out from the back of its head. The attack struck the hill which was hundreds of meters away. Eventually, the entire hill collapsed.

Lin Huang had never expected that the effect of the Dark Mirror could be so terrifying. His opponent was struck without even having the time to react. Especially encountering that fast an attack, the reflection effect caused the attack to be inevitable at such a short distance.

"Don't tell me that it's been killed in one hit?" Lin Huang immediately looked towards the evil spirit.

The evil spirit's right eye turned into a black hole. Lin Huang could even see the scene behind the evil spirit through the hole. Obviously, the attack did not only strike through its eyeball; it had penetrated through its head as well.

The evil spirit did not die after the attack. Black flesh started to grow over its right eye. It was continually growing at a speed visible to the naked eye, recovering its head, eyeball, and the broken skull.

After several moments, the evil spirit's skull which was severely injured had healed. If not for the remaining black blood stain on its face, Lin Huang would have thought that the Dark Mirror's reflection attack was just an illusion.

"Human brat, you're giving me more and more surprises!"

Although the evil spirit was struck in one hit, it did not look nervous. It extended its tongue, licking the black blood on its face instead and presenting a crooked smile. "I'm a person who really hates trouble. I used to think that your combat strength is too weak and that the upgrade will be too troublesome. Initially, I wasn't interested in your body as I've collected a few human bodies with similar talents. However, your combat strength is much stronger..."

"I've changed my mind now. I certainly want your body!"

Chapter 758: Second Kill

The evil spirit was lingering mid-air. Half of its head that was struck by the Dark Mirror recovered in a blink of an eye.

It was not surprised even though Lin Huang's Dark Mirror had almost killed it. It stared at Lin Huang without fear, looking possessive instead.

It seemed like an irrational fan who had just met their favorite idol. The only thing was that it did not scream, "Marry me!"

Lin Huang did not comment on the evil spirit's possessive instinct.

It was not because he did not want to insult it. It was because his opponent was terribly fast. It might attack him when he was unaware, which was why he decided to keep quiet, maintaining his focus on the discernment of his territory.

Seeing Lin Huang not bothering to respond, the evil spirit seemed to know what he was thinking about. He laughed softly and said, "Since you remain silent, I'll consider that you've agreed to surrender your body to me."

As soon as it finished its words, the evil spirit disappeared abruptly. What emerged next was a green beam of light shooting out at lightning fast speed.

Although he could capture the complete path of his opponent's movements with his Territory skill, he still did not manage to pick up his sword in time.

He could do nothing. Again, he pointed in the air, and the Dark Mirror formed. It blocked the saber's glow at a distance of about 20 centimeters away.

Although the mirror reflected the green saber glow, the evil spirit had no fear at all. It grinned instead and slightly inched its body aside, managing to avoid the reflected attack.

The main reason that it got struck by the first reflected attack was not due to its lack of speed. It was because the attack had been too sudden and was entirely out of its expectations.

On the contrary, it was well prepared for the attack this time. It immediately dodged immediately as the tip of its saber hit the Dark Mirror. It did not wait for the attack to be reflected.

However, it was still a little bit slow as the reflected green glow sliced through the left of its face, leaving a bruise that was about five centimeters long.

However, the injury meant nothing to it. It felt nothing at all. Instead, the smile plastered on its face looked even more ferocious as if it was gleeful that the attack did not strike its head.

Although the evil spirit's combat strength was only on immortal-level rank-7, its attack speed was on par with the imperial-level. Even Lin Huang, who had upgraded to immortal-level rank-3, was no match for it. Perhaps even Kylie who was extremely fast could not compare to her.

Still, Lin Huang did not manage to lift his sword during the second attack. Nevertheless, he did not feel upset. He had already activated his Omniscient Nature just as the evil spirit advanced. The moment when he was analyzing his opponent's attack with his Boundless Vision, he managed to record the entire process of his opponent's attack with his Third Eye.

His failure to avoid the attack was not because he did not have a clear picture of the evil spirit's movement since his Territory and his Boundless Vision skills were capable of capturing his opponent's movement and its attack pathway. The most significant problem was that his body could not react in time.

Although his combat strength had leveled up to immortal-level rank-3 whereby his body strength and his sensory abilities had improved by leaps and bounds, it would still take some time to adapt to the upgrade. If it were an ordinary battle, one might not

realize it. However, since he was encountering a pro, it would be difficult for him to hide his flaws. The slightest discoordination would be apparent to a pro like the evil spirit.

Of course, despite having a well-coordinated body, Lin Huang's speed was still incomparable to that of the evil spirit's. At least, the situation would not be the same as he did not even have the chance to fight back now.

"What happened to you, human brat? Are you going to hide in your shell for the rest of your life?"

"I thought you used to be very arrogant. Why are you behaving like a cowardly bastard now?"

"Battling is for the adults. A little brat like you should go home and drink your milk!"

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The evil spirit launched several saber attacks, and at the same time, he taunted Lin Huang again and again.

Still, Lin Huang was not offended. He knew that the evil spirit was merely trying to trigger him, forcing him to fight back.

After several attacks, the evil spirit soon mastered the order of the reflection. It managed to dodge the reflected attacks without getting injured at all, instigating it to react more aggressively.

Also, Lin Huang gradually adapted to his body with the powerful combat strength during each attack.

After confirming that his body had adapted to his opponent's attack speed, Lin Hung's face still preserved a neutral expression as he patiently waited to attack his opponent's weak point.

The evil spirit launched its attack one after another. Each attack was driven at the maximum speed of an imperial-level. Within half an hour, Lin Huang was completely pinned down by the evil spirit without a single chance to fight back.

"Human brat, how long do you think your Life Power can sustain the shell? Half an hour? An hour?"

While talking nonsense, again, the evil spirit cast his saber forward.

The green glow of its saber streaked across the sky and appeared less than 30 centimeters away from Lin Huang. The water-like black mirror appeared out of nowhere again.

The tip of the green blade struck it. The attack was capable of killing an immortal-level rank-9. However, black ripples appeared as usual, and the attack could not go any further.

The evil spirit was not surprised by that though as it had already made several attempts. It was Lin Huang's absolute defense and the evil spirit was unable to break through it.

Regardless of that, it was not worried about it at all. Before the reflected attack appeared, it dodged again. It moved its body a few centimeters away, slightly to the right. It knew that it could evade the attack right there.

At this moment, the reflected green glow suddenly blasted off. However, it deviated from its expected direction and struck right in front of the evil spirit.

"How could that be?"

The evil spirit was shocked. It had made hundreds of attempts, and the attack reflected by the mirror had never deviated from its expected direction. However, this time was different.

At that moment, it finally understood the reason that had happened, but it was too late now.

Less than a meter away, it was too weak to block the attack. The reflected green glow of the blade pierced between its brows and went straight through the back of its head. A hole the size of a baby's fist was formed.

Then, the Dark Mirror collapsed on its own. Behind the mirror and on Lin Huang's back, bloody wings quickly formed. Six bloody wings stacked on top of each other and protected Lin Huang against the continuous saber attacks from the evil spirit as a result of inertia.

The green glow penetrated through three layers of the wings and failed to go any further, becoming stuck right between the wings.

There was a gap between the wings, and a bloody sword suddenly flew past it. The evil spirit was caught unaware, and the sword penetrated the left of its chest.

"Go to hell!" Lin Huang yelled. The blade that pierced through the evil spirit's body radiated, and the bloody glow became more and more intense. Soon, it exploded, and the evil spirit's body turned into pieces...

Lin Huang then retracted his sword, gazing in the direction where the black mist could be seen.

"I've never said that the direction of the Dark Mirror's reflection can't be adjusted. You just assumed that it works this way."

Chapter 759: Exhausting All Trump Cards!

Seeing the evil spirit's body which had been shattered into pieces turn into the black mist again, Lin Huang scowled.

He actually wondered if it was because his first kill was not powerful enough, and his opponent had been revived. That was the reason why during the second attack, he had deliberately activated the strengthened version of his Wordly Purification. It was the sword skill he possessed with the highest damage, smashing his opponent's body into pieces. Still, it could not stop the evil spirit's body from turning into the black mist.

Although it was within his expectations, it was not the ideal outcome. Lin Huang started to feel that this was troublesome.

Glancing in the direction where the evil spirit's ancient relic had fallen, the green saber collapsed on its own in the air, transforming into a black mist.

Looking at what had just happened, Lin Huang was stunned. He used to think that the ancient relic could be one of the rewards he could obtain, but seemingly, it was not a real relic. Instead, it was the same as its physique which was created by the black mist.

"What monster is this? It can't die and can even randomly produce an ancient relic!"

As his thought to snatch the ancient relic dwindled, Lin Huang glanced towards the black mist which was in a blurry human form from afar. He vaguely felt that he seemed to have chosen the wrong Life Fire monster.

The blurry human figure was becoming more prominent. It was a middle-aged man who was slightly taller than Lin Huang, at a height of about 1.85 meters. However, he was much more muscular than Lin Huang. The weapon which the man was holding was a silver spear which was about two meters long.

Lin Huang was not surprised when he saw the man's face as if he expected it.

The man was also one of the victims who had been killed by the evil spirit earlier. It was the first dead body Lin Huang had seen in the mortuary. He could still clearly remember the corpse's heart sliced apart. Both of his lungs had been removed, and his chest was cut open.

Right now, the dead man was alive, standing right in front of Lin Huang and there was nothing strange about him.

"If I'm not mistaken, I guess you can only transform into someone you've killed," Lin Huang suddenly said, "It means that you can't come back to life as many times as you want. I'll only need to kill you 17 times, and you'll finally die."

"Are you going to make such a guess without any evidence and just by judging that my transformation into the person whom I've killed?" The evil spirit remained calm, and the body formed by its black mist had stabilized.

Although he could not tell whether the evil spirit was trying to mislead him or not, Lin Huang was pretty sure that his assumption was right. "I've seen the corpses of all 17 victims. Please prove me wrong by transforming into a body that I've never seen before the next round."

"Since you're kind of interested in my secrets, why not agree to give me your body and I'll tell you my secrets?"

"I'm afraid that you can't afford to have my body!"

After uttering his words, the bloody wings on Lin Huang's back fluttered. Before the evil spirit could upgrade its combat strength, he tore his sword towards it, attempting to kill it.

Lin Huang appeared right in front of the evil spirit in an instant and thrust his sword forward.

The evil spirit gave an insulting smile and did not care about Lin

Huang's attack at all. It stood still without avoiding the attack. It activated its skill to upgrade its combat strength in front of Lin Huang.

Mid-air, the entire sky was covered in the bloody glow, slicing through the evil spirit's neck.

However, the bloody glow was stopped from piercing the evil spirit's neck just as it was about a centimeter away from it. It could not move any further as if there was a defense shield which had stopped Lin Huang's fatal attack.

Noticing the evil spirit's combat strength starting to upgrade from immortal-level rank-3, Lin Huang still did not give up. He continuously launched several attacks, each attack more fatal than the last.

Neither did the evil spirit dodge nor avoid, allowing Lin Huang to attack as he liked with an insulting smile. Its body did not move at all as if it had shielded itself from all the forces coming from the attacks.

"It's useless. Once my secret skill is activated, it won't stop. Even the Virtual God's attack isn't going to work, let alone yours," the evil spirit said as its aura reached immortal-level rank-7. "People from the gravel world with incomprehensive rules won't understand such power."

Although Lin Huang did not want to believe him, he could still vaguely feel that the evil spirit was telling the truth.

After several attempts whereby his attacks could do no harm to the evil spirit, its aura had finally stabilized as it reached immortal-level rank-7. The silver spear had been upgraded to an ancient relic as well.

However, just as the evil spirit's aura stabilized, the defense shield disappeared on its own.

Observing Lin Huang striking another attack, the evil spirit

finally dodged.

In the air, the bloody glow and the black glow collided with each other again.

Another round of a fierce fight had been triggered!

The two silhouettes crashed into each other again in the sky.

Since his Vampire Particles had been activated, Lin Huang's speed was a few times faster than before with his bloody wings. The evil spirit's body did not have a speedy attack this time. It lost to Lin Huang in terms of speed instead. Despite its speed being incomparable to Lin Huang's, it had excellent eyesight. In addition to its achievements in Spear Dao, each of its attacks was on par with Lin Huang's attack. Though slow, it was not lagging behind.

After fighting for almost half an hour, the outcome of the battle was still unknown.

Lin Huang had no idea how many times his opponent's attacks had hit him and how many injuries he suffered from. However, his wounds were quickly healed by his Divine Regeneration without leaving any scars.

Lin Huang had inflicted hundreds of wounds on his opponent's body as well. However, the evil spirit managed to avoid the fatal parts, and the injuries were all minor ones. Although his Air Slicer exhibited unique characteristics which slowed down his opponent's recovery rate, he could not tell how long it would take to kill it since it had the advantage of its weapon on its side.

"It's going to exhaust a lot of my Life Power..."

Almost all the attacks he made within the half an hour were his best shots. The Life Power in a third of his ten Life Wheels had been depleted, but his opponent seemed to have infinite strength. If this continued, even after using up all three of his Life Power Refill Cards, he could only kill his opponent 11 times. Lin Huang guessed that it would have at least 17 bodies. Despite the evil spirit

having being killed twice previously, he would still be unable to kill it even after exhausting all his three Life Power Refill Cards.

"What happened? Don't you have sufficient Life Power for that?" The evil spirit grinned as if it had already expected this to happen. "Oh, I've forgotten to tell you something. The power of the body comes from my real body. Having a body with strength like this, even if the battle continues for 10,000 years, my real body will be able to refill the power depleted in merely one breath."

"Indeed..." Lin Huang had thought of this earlier, and the evil spirit had finally proven him right. He knew that it was not likely that the evil spirit would lie to him. However, he did not panic at all. "It seems like I have to use some of my trump cards."

As the thought struck him, Lin Huang knew that he had to fight with every fiber in him this time. Three cards suddenly appeared in his right hand, and these were his last three Provisional Combat Strength Upgrade Cards. When he made Wu Zhi into a Combat Soul Card, he had used up almost all the reward card draws. Only a few of the cards remained.

The Provisional Combat Strength Upgrade Card would put too much load on one's body, and only three cards could be used at once. However, it was enough for him.

"The game shall end here."

Having uttered these words, Lin Huang's left hand exerted a slight force on the three Provisional Combat Strength Upgrade Card, and they were instantly crushed, transforming into a luminous glow and going into his body. The evil spirit did not notice that though.

However, it could clearly sense that there was an upgrade in Lin Huang's combat strength again.

Immortal-level rank-4!

Immortal-level rank-5!

Immortal-level rank-6!

Chapter 760: The Undead?

"How could it be? How could you achieve a seven-level upgrade without affecting your body?"

The evil spirit could not tell how Lin Huang had done that. Despite his real body being extremely strong, it only managed to achieve a four-level upgrade in its combat strength. It would not be able to maintain the stability of its body if there was any further improvement. Regardless of how strong its physique was, a four-level upgrade was simply its limit. It was an absolute rule.

One thing that the evil spirit did not know was that Lin Huang's Transformation Card was not used for the sake of strengthening his body but was only a substitute. Once the Transformation Card was activated, it was equivalent to duplicating a monster's body with Lin Huang's consciousness and his body was sealed on the other side of the dimension.

The Provisional Combat Strength Upgrade Card which he had used later was applied to the monster's body whereby a further upgrade could be performed on them. Although it seemed like he managed to break through from purple flame-level to immortal-level rank-6, equating to a seven-level upgrade, in fact, Lin Huang only managed to achieve the upgrade in his combat strength after using three Provisional Combat Strength Upgrade Cards.

Moreover, he was only restricted to using three Combat Strength Upgrade Cards at once. In addition to Xiao Hei itself being powerful enough, directly using all the three cards would do no harm to Lin Huang's body.

Of course, Lin Huang was not going to tell the evil spirit about it. He was gleeful to see the evil spirit being so confused.

When he was on immortal-level rank-3, the both of them were equally powerful. After three consecutive upgrades, Lin Huang's strength, power, speed, Life Power in his body and many other

aspects were completely different now.

Even the evil spirit who would not die after several kills appeared panicked.

Without any facial expression, Lin Huang looked towards the evil spirit. It seemed like the six bloody wings on his back could breathe, sending chills down one's spine. He slowly lifted the combat sword in his hand, pointing in the direction where the evil spirit was.

"I don't care where you're from and I don't care how many times you can revive yourself either. I certainly want your Life Fire tinder today!"

Just as his voice rang out in the air, the bloody wings on Lin Huang's back fluttered and soon, he disappeared from his original position.

The evil spirit's pupils dilated as Lin Huang's speed far exceeded what it could see. It tried its best to squint, but could just see a bloody glow streaking across the sky at a tremendously terrifying speed. It could only block the bloody glow with its spear in both its hands instinctively.

In the next moment, the bloody glow suddenly appeared right in front of the evil spirit. It resembled an electric current that collided with the evil spirit's long spear.

Bang!

A loud explosion was heard.

At almost the same time, the black glow flew backwards and smashed through several mountains. Seven consecutive mountains collapsed in an instant after being hit by the black glow. Deafening booms were echoed throughout the area.

Lin Huang knew very well that evil spirit was not killed by his attack as it had managed to dodge the attack at the very last minute. If it were using a supreme relic, perhaps Lin Huang would

have cut the evil spirit and its spear into half. However, since it was using an ancient relic, even an imperial-level could hardly inflict a scratch on it.

Since it still survived, Lin Huang did not mind giving a few more strikes.

He appeared at the mountainous region in a flash where the evil spirit was stuck.

With just one hit, the evil spirit knew that it could no longer defeat Lin Huang. It seemed like getting killed was a foregone conclusion. Regardless of how it struggled to survive, all its efforts were in vain.

"Outside the Kingdom, I might have the chance to flee by shedding my outer skin. However, the Kingdom is a sealed dimension. Even if the human brat doesn't have full control over the Kingdom, it's extremely easy to detect my aura in the Kingdom. I have nowhere to go..."

In the mountains region, the evil spirit frowned. Despite the previous attack not causing serious injury to it, the minor injuries it suffered from the shock resulted in pain in its lungs each time it breathed. It had a headache which refused to go away due to the intense collision. Although its broken bones were instantly cured, its body was still stiff. Fighting Lin Huang now would be akin to knocking on Death's door.

Several thoughts quickly ran through the evil spirit's mind. Soon, it sensed that Lin Huang was not waiting for it to break out of the mountains from his original position. Instead, he was coming after it.

"Since you're not coming out, I shall go in then."

As soon as his voice was heard, he appeared right in front of the evil spirit. Before it could respond to him, his long bloody sword raced towards it again.

A loud thud was heard again, spreading throughout the mountain range.

A black silhouette fled out of the mountain range. Before the mountains collapsed, the bloody silhouette streaked across the sky at a terribly fast speed, chasing after it.

Mid-air, the evil spirit spat a mouthful of black blood out. It knew that its body condition had worsened. Despite having managed to dodge Lin Huang's second attack with its long spear, the effect of the aftershock was more severe than before. Its chest had collapsed and its internal organs had shattered. Both of its hands had been crushed by Lin Huang's attack and it no longer had the grip to hold its spear tightly.

Lin Huang could sense that his opponent was severely injured by his second attack. He also knew that it possessed the Enhanced Regeneration skill. He was not going to give the evil spirit any chance to recuperate.

"I'd like to see how many attacks you can dodge!" Along with his scream, Lin Huang leaped towards it.

Seeing Lin Huang was chasing after it, the evil spirit struggled. It felt like there was a way to overcome this, but it was unsure of whether it should use the skill.

While it was hesitating, Lin Huang advanced nearer. This time, he was holding a sword in both of his hands, slicing through the air vertically. As his sword ripped the sky apart, it resembled a bloody lightning bolt striking down from the sky and aiming right at the evil spirit's forehead.

The evil spirit's face turned ghastly. If it happened to strike it, perhaps it would be chopped into half from its forehead to its thigh. It immediately lifted its spear and fuelled its arms which had not fully recovered yet with all its strength. A huge black shield was created out of nowhere, attempting to block the attack. It knew very well that if it failed to dodge the attack, it had to

abandon this body.

The beam of bloody electric current collided with the huge black, misty shield.

A loud explosion was heard as if hundreds of lightning bolts had struck at the same time.

The bloody glow struck like the torrential downpour of a waterfall. Despite the mystery of the misty shield, it still could not defend itself against the bloody glow's attack. It only managed to block it for a while until spider web-like cracks started spreading across the huge shield.

Beams of bloody electric current penetrated through the cracks. The shield sustained for less than three breaths and eventually, it collapsed. The broken pieces of the shield then transformed back into its black mist form.

As the bloody glow had penetrated through the black mist and was about to strike it, a flicker of fury flashed through the evil spirit's eyes while they suddenly turned midnight black.

In the next second, the gushing bloody glow penetrated through the black mist and the black glow within the evil spirit's eyes exploded abruptly.

Lin Huang instantly discovered that something was wrong and a spike of anger flashed through his eyes. He immediately retracted his sword, retreating thousands of meters away next to Kylie. At the same time, he activated his Dark Mirror, covering Kylie and himself.

After all that, the black glow suddenly exploded at the position where the evil spirit had been initially at. A frightening white glow then started spreading everywhere. The beam of white light was incredibly intense as it even covered the sunlight. The white glow resembled a constantly expanding balloon, spreading out in all directions. It barely stopped as it extended to more than 100

kilometers away. Everything turned into nothingness as the white glow passed by.

A squeak could be heard coming from the defensive sphere structured by the Dark Mirror as if it was a vulnerable house in a raging storm. Lin Huang had no choice but to constantly reduce the size of the defensive sphere. Just as the 100-meter sphere was being reduced to five meters in diameter, it stabilized.

Fortunately, the expansion of the white glow lasted for less than a minute. Otherwise, Lin Huang might need to continue minimizing the size of his Dark Mirror.

"I didn't know that it'd self-combust simply because it could no longer fight me."

As the white glow faded, Lin Huang did not remove his Dark Mirror immediately. Instead, he activated his ocular skill and looked in the direction where the explosion of the evil spirit had taken place from afar. The evil spirit's body was not there, but there was no smugness in him at all.

"Nothing was left. I guess it has died. It wasted so many of my cards and still, I didn't manage to extract its tinder..."

Just as he was mumbling, he saw that the black mist was quickly forming at the position where the explosion had occurred.

Chapter 761: Revealing Its True Body

"Why is it still alive?!"

Lin Huang was flabbergasted. Despite possessing the Divine Regeneration skill, he would definitely die when all his body particles died out.

"I somehow feel that the ability it has isn't merely regeneration," Bloody that was hiding in Lin Huang's sleeve suddenly said, "It did mention before that each time it's killed, the only thing it needs to do is to get another body. Just like human clothes, regardless of how the clothes are damaged and even if they're burnt to ashes, it'll have no effect on the rest of the clothes. One will only need to change to another set of clothing. That's why despite its body being severely damaged to the point where not even a single piece of its physique was left, it can still switch to another body."

What Bloody said dawned upon Lin Huang. He used to think that the evil spirit possessed a secret skill like regeneration. That was why he had been scratching his head for a way to obliterate its body into pieces so that it could no longer regenerate. After listening to Bloody's explanation, he knew that he no longer had to waste his energy on that. Regardless of the extent to which its body was damaged, it could simply revive itself by switching to another body.

"Since that's the case, I don't need to waste my Life Power attempting to kill it into pieces." Lin Huang felt relieved as his Worldly Purification consumed a large portion of his Life Power.

As the black mist formed again, he could confirm that the explosion had ended and that the area was no longer dangerous. Lin Huang then removed his Dark Mirror, appearing next to the black mist in a flash.

He made countless attempts trying to interfere with the formation of the black mist. All his efforts were in vain. Lin Huang

was not going to waste his energy on that anymore. Therefore, he patiently waited next to the evil spirit until its new body was created.

The black mist swiftly formed and in less than half a second, its new body stabilized. This time, it transformed into a skinny man.

Right after its body was formed, the evil spirit opened its eyes. It then saw Lin Huang standing less than ten meters away from it, revealing a "kind" smile.

The next second, the bloody glow streaked across the sky.

The evil spirit did not have time to respond at all. Its skull flew away and black blood spurted out of its neck to a height of two meters. After a long while, it collapsed to the ground, transforming into the black mist and fading.

"That saves me a lot of effort." It was the fastest win since Lin Huang had started fighting it.

Lin Huang did not retreat after it was killed. He remained at its original position, patiently waiting for its body to form again.

Perhaps the evil spirit itself might not notice that there was such a flaw in its secret "regenerative" skill.

Each time when its body was formed, the black mist was visible and its speed was not fast enough, so its whereabouts could easily be tracked.

It seemed like it did not have full control over its body replacement process which took place on its own. Once the body died, the replacement would happen within a minute. Seemingly, the evil spirit had no way of prolonging the time needed for the formation of the black mist. Otherwise, it would have extended the period to a few hours or even a few days until Lin Huang's upgrade in his combat strength had lost its effect before replacing it with another body.

However, it was convenient for Lin Huang to camp out and wait

due to its flaws. Regardless of where the black mist formed, he would be there next to it.

Before using the Provisional Combat Strength Upgrade Card, it would have been difficult for him to kill the evil spirit despite being a camper because it could react to his attacks in time. However, after achieving an upgrade by another three levels, Lin Huang's speed was so swift to the point that the evil spirit could no longer catch sight of him. Therefore, being a camper and killing it would become much easier. The evil spirit did not have enough time to respond right after it was revived.

Noticing the black mist moving away from him, Lin Huang remained calm and leisurely followed after it.

Despite traversing the sky, the formation of the black mist did not slow down. The new body was being formed while it moved.

"It seems like I guessed it correctly. As long as the body dies, a new body will automatically replace it. The entire process is out of its control." Bloody noticed that as well. It then whispered to Lin Huang, "Otherwise, it would've extended the duration needed for the body replacement process until you lost the combat strength increment effect since the process wouldn't be interrupted by any external factor."

"That's good. Since it does not have control over it, it's easier for me to just camp out." Lin Huang smirked.

In just a short while, the evil spirit's body was formed again. Impressively, the body formed was the victim who had helped them figure out who the murderer was. It was Li Jingbiao's substitute.

The evil spirit with the chubby face gradually opened its eyes, shooting Lin Huang a deadly stare. At almost the same time as Lin Huang hurled his sword forward, the black glow in its eyes started to grow. Its brutal self-combusting force caused its plump body to expand as if it was a balloon.

Lin Huang backed off to where Kylie was a few kilometers away. He took out his Dark Mirror again, producing a defensive shield five meters in diameter. Kylie and he were enveloped by the shield.

The evil spirit's plump body eventually collapsed as its body could no longer sustain the force from within. A black energy was emitted as well, releasing a dazzling white glow that resembled the sunlight and spread everywhere.

In less than a minute, a tsunami-like white glow had engulfed the entire region, covering more than 100 kilometers in circumference. The same thing happened again and the burnt ground was lit up.

Aside from the Dark Mirror's defensive sphere being in pristine condition, not a single item on the ground was left unharmed.

As the white glow faded, Lin Huang removed the Dark Mirror, looking in the direction where the evil spirit's self-combustion had happened. He shook his head and laughed. "It's decisive. It decided to go for self-combustion, knowing that it doesn't have the chance to counterattack."

"It's actually a wise decision. Unfortunately, you're the one it encountered. Within a certain distance, the force that resulted from its self-combustion was actually capable of killing those whose abilities range from black gold-level to imperial-level. However, your Dark Mirror is capable of defending against its self-combustion. If this happened to any of them who had yet to get to imperial-level, most probably they'd have been killed." Bloody's voice was heard again.

"It was just bad luck that it met me." Lin Huang chuckled.

After the white glow faded, the black mist was quickly created again. The evil spirit switched to another body again.

It saw Lin Huang as soon as it opened its eyes. However, it did not choose to go for self-combustion this time.

In just one hit, Lin Huang chopped its body in half with ease.

"Did I just kill it? Wasn't it able to respond?"

As soon as the thought flashed through Lin Huang's mind, Bloody's voice was heard. "Run!"

Lin Huang immediately fled without asking why.

Right when the evil spirit's body was chopped in half, the black glow in its left eye suddenly radiated. The next moment, a white glow appeared abruptly, engulfing the corpse which had been chopped in half.

The white glow spread towards Lin Huang in just a blink of an eye. Lin Huang initially wanted to go to Kylie. Right then, he had no choice but to activate his Dark Mirror and cover himself.

As the white glow passed through the Dark Mirror and continued spreading towards Kylie at a breakneck speed, Lin Huang immediately recalled Kylie into its card form.

Seeing the white glow had again, engulfed almost everything surrounding him, Lin Huang's face turned pale. "It's really evil. It managed to activate self-combustion even after its death."

His back was drenched in sweat. His t-shirt was all wet. Even if he was a fraction of a second slower, he might have been killed by the evil spirit's white glow and could have possibly lost Kylie.

"Encountering such an opponent, you have to be extra careful." Bloody's voice was deep.

"I must kill it!" Lin Huang was incensed as he realized that he had almost been defeated.

Seeing its body being formed again, Lin Huang decided to stand right next to the corpse without fear.

As soon as its body was formed, the evil spirit gave Lin Huang an insulting smile. Still, it did not go for self-combustion immediately.

Lin Huang killed it without a moment of hesitation. This time,

the evil spirit's self-combustion became creepier. It activated it just as it was killed.

However, Lin Huang was prepared for it. He did not even bother to flee and immediately activated his Dark Mirror at his original position. The defensive sphere shrank to only a meter in diameter. He was at the center of the explosion and managed to overcome the evil spirit's self-combustion.

Regardless of what the evil spirit did, Lin Huang did not give up camping. He overcame all the explosions.

A few of the explosions tore the defensive sphere of the Dark Mirror apart and even penetrated through the defenses of the bloody wings, causing injuries to Lin Huang's body. However, they were quickly healed by Lin Huang's Divine Regeneration.

By doing so, Lin Huang managed to kill his opponent 17 times.

Witnessing the 17th body of the evil spirit self-combust and disappear, Lin Huang then saw the black mist gradually appear at the ruins again. Lin Huang frowned.

After several moments, he could no longer shift his gaze.

The black mist did not apparition into a human figure this round. A monstrous face gradually formed instead.

Despite not being completely formed, Lin Huang could recognize it as the semi-transparent monster that had killed the two immortal-level rank-9s at Chenxing Building.

"Its true body has been revealed!" Lin Huang smirked, staring deadly at the monster which was about to fully form.

Chapter 762: A Play of the Tentacles

In the air, the semi-transparent monster floated where the evil spirit's last body had disappeared. It looked like running water lingering in the air and not look like a living creature at all. Until the liquid creature started forming a whip-like tentacle, it looked about 50% similar to a jellyfish on Earth.

Despite having seen how the monster actually looked like through the Backtracking Mirror, at the moment when he saw its true body, he somehow felt relieved. "It's finally revealing its actual form!"

The evil spirit was in its jellyfish form which was less than two meters wide. However, each of its tentacles measured a length of at least seven meters and there were more than hundreds of them.

Lin Huang had seen the evil spirit killing people with its tentacles. The tentacles that appeared soft had very easily penetrated through the immortal-level's supreme relics and their bodies. It was a very sharp killing weapon.

However, what made Lin Huang feel strange about it was that the evil spirits combat strength was only on immortal-level rank-2. It was way weaker than most of the bodies it had transformed into previously.

"So, immortal-level rank-2 is your real combat strength?" Lin Huang thought to himself.

However, just as the thought came to his mind, the evil spirit's combat strength started to grow. Within seconds, it managed to get to immortal-level rank-6, which was at the same level as him.

"It seems like it's kind of powerful..."

Despite the fact it had undergone an increment in its combat strength, the evil spirit's combat strength was still no match to the bodies it had transformed into. Lin Huang could sense that the evil

spirit was intimidating right after it went through the upgrade. He rarely encountered opponents of a similar combat level that could make him feel in this way.

Lin Huang could clearly feel that after the upgrade, the evil spirit was fixing its gaze on him. Although it did not have eyes since it was in its jellyfish form, Lin Huang could clearly tell how it must feel like being stared at by the predators on top of the food chain. It was definitely not an illusion.

The evil spirit was floating high in mid-air, gazing upon Lin Huang. It moved its body slightly and the clear water instantly became even more transparent, merging with the surroundings. It then disappeared from Lin Huang's sight.

Lin Huang frowned at the strange phenomenon that he had just seen. Although he was unable to see it, he could still sense every moment of the evil spirit since it was within the range covered by his territory. It looked like it had just moved slightly. In fact, it was but a remaining shadow as it moved and became completely transparent right after it moved.

Lin Huang monitored the entire process as the evil spirit moved with his territory.

Apparently, it was afraid of stirring up the atmosphere and being discovered. Therefore, the movement of the evil spirit was not quick. It moved its tentacles alternately in mid-air as if it was a long-legged spider spinning a web. It did not make any noise.

It secretly moved towards the left in steps. After a few moments, it was right behind Lin Huang. Raising up a few of its tentacles, it quietly aimed towards the back of Lin Huang's head, backbone, and heart. It was about to pierce through the vital parts of his body.

Lin Huang pretended as if he knew nothing. He was grasping his sword, getting ready to defend against the evil spirit in the direction where it had originally been at. At the same time, Lin

Huang looked to the left and to the right, pretending as if he did not know where the evil spirit was.

Just as the evil spirit was about to strike, Lin Huang suddenly rolled to another side clumsily and managed to dodge the attack as the sharp tentacles were about to pierce through his body.

The evil spirit was stunned as its fatal attack had missed its target. When it launched its attack, it had shielded its aura to its maximum. It had never missed a target, hence it doubted if Lin Huang knew its exact position.

However, Lin Huang was still playing on the defense and appeared panicked. Seeing that he was looking around and did not fix his gaze on itself, it then snapped out of its thoughts.

"I don't think that I've been discovered. He might have the ability to predict danger, that's why he managed to avoid my attack."

After missing its target, the evil spirit was now ready to deal with Lin Huang again. It took another step forward and moved towards the back of Lin Huang's body from the right.

Again, several tentacles formed, quietly targeting the vital parts of his body.

Before the attack struck, Lin Huang leaped aside and dodged the evil spirit's second attack.

As the second attack missed its target again, the evil spirit suspected it. "How did he successfully avoid the attack?!"

"Just show up if you're strong! Let's fight face-to-face! Do you think you're strong if you were to secretly attack a person?" Lin Huang raised his voice as if in alarm, looking around as he yelled.

Obviously, his acting confused the evil spirit as it no longer doubted him.

The evil spirit did not attack immediately after missing its target twice. Instead, it stared at Lin Huang from its original position for

a couple of moments, and soon after, it seemed like it had a new plan.

This round, it moved about ten meters away from Lin Huang but did not attack. Instead, it gradually extended several vine-like tentacles. They resembled little snakes that slithered across the ground, not wanting to be noticed.

Lin Huang immediately figured out what the evil spirit was going to do. It wanted to approach him and secretly tie him up with his tentacles so that his movements would be restricted. Then, he would definitely be killed.

Lin Huang did not have any facial expressions but he had a plan. A card secretly appeared between his fingers on his left hand. He exerted a slight pressure on it and the card was crushed.

The next moment, the evil spirit's tentacles extended towards his legs and exploded into motion when they were less than ten centimeters away. Lin Huang could not respond to it at all. The tentacles twisted around his ankle. It was too late when he wanted to get rid of them. The two tentacles that twisted around his ankle got tighter and were constantly moving upwards. The other tentacles entangled his arms and neck, so it would be impossible for him to escape or counterattack.

Seeing that it had successfully captured Lin Huang, the evil spirit's body gradually exited its hidden state, turning back into its semi-transparent form again.

"I've finally captured you!"

A face gradually appeared on the evil spirit's jellyfish-like body. It was like a floating sculpture of the human face on a semi-transparent wall. The lips on the big carving-like face spread opened and the voices of hundreds of males and females could be heard.

"I've released more than 3,000 God's Blood Pods into different

gravel worlds. These pods are going to encounter countless opponents during their growth phase. Among the opponents, you're one of them with the lowest combat strength, yet, you're the one who's the most difficult to deal with. You managed to destroy all the bodies of the God's Blood Pods all on your own. But that's fine since your body is way better than all the bodies that you've destroyed. As long as I can possess your body, the losses that I've suffered mean nothing to me."

After uttering its words, two tentacles of the evil spirit transformed into sharp thorns and blasted off into the sky, penetrating Lin Huang's eyeballs and going right into his brain...

Chapter 763: Ink Feather

Just as the tentacles pierced through Lin Huang's eyeballs, the evil spirit noticed that something was off and it froze for a while.

At that moment, a bloody glow that looked like a lightning bolt struck on top of the evil spirit's head.

The red glow moved so quickly that the evil spirit could not react to it at all. Its huge body then slumped to the ground.

Half of the blade of the bloody sword that was about two meters long had penetrated through the evil spirit's head from the top and the person who was holding the sword was no other than Lin Huang, whose body was shrouded in his bloody Life Power.

Till then, "Lin Huang" who had his head pierced by the evil spirit transformed into a starry glow and vanished.

Lin Huang was holding a sword with both of his hands. He exerted more force, attempting to pierce deeper into it with his Air Slicer.

The evil spirit roared angrily and soon after, hundreds of tentacles ripped out at almost the same time, heading straight for Lin Huang. It wanted to rip him into pieces.

As the countless tentacles went after him, Lin Huang immediately whipped out his sword. He then stomped the ground hard and retreated.

Black blood constantly oozed out from the evil spirit's wounds. Due to the special characteristics exhibited by his Air Slicer, despite it possessing an extraordinarily strong recovery ability, it was difficult for its wound to heal in such a short period of time.

Enduring the pain that it suffered, hundreds of tentacles that resembled bones headed out for Lin Huang. The tentacles that were initially about seven meters long extended to thousands of meters and continued growing.

With the help of his Vampire Particles, Lin Huang's speed was slightly faster than those who just got to imperial-level.

However, the evil spirits tentacles were even faster and ambushed him. They were initially tens of meters away, but the distance between them was constantly reducing.

"How long can the tentacles actually extend to?" Lin Huang thought to himself in bewilderment as he fled.

Since he had encountered monsters like this in the past, he already knew that the evil spirit's tentacles could extend. He used to think that escaping from the tentacles' attack range would not be difficult, but the extension of the tentacles was far beyond his expectations.

As the tentacles were less than two meters away from his ankle and were still approaching him, Lin Huang had no choice but to wave his hand, forming the Dark Mirror out of nowhere.

Hundreds of the tentacles completely ignored the mirror which blocked them and went straight towards him. However, they were blocked by the tentacles that were reflected by the mirror.

Seeing this, Lin Huang did not continue fighting them and immediately fled.

As soon as he left, the Dark Mirror lost the forces supporting it and collapsed. The evil spirit's tentacles continued to chase after him.

Blocked by the Dark Mirror, Lin Huang managed to distance himself tens of meters away from the tentacles.

Although the Dark Mirror could block the attack of the tentacles, Lin Huang did not want to exhaust his strength by using the Dark Mirror to fight the evil spirit.

In order to use the Dark Mirror secret skill, the exhaustion of his Life Power depended on the attack of his opponent. The stronger the attack and the higher the frequency of attack, the larger the

consumption of his Life Power. According to what the evil spirit had said, its forces originated from its real body and were infinite. Despite having three Life Power Refill Cards in hand, Lin Huang would not have sufficient Life Power for that.

Lin Huang decided to use his Dark Mirror so that it could buy him some time and he could immediately escape.

He knew very well that there would definitely be a limit to the extension of the evil spirit's tentacles as such a secret skill could be a big burden to the user's body. If it went over the limit, the user's body would be unable to bear the burden. One's body might be severely injured by the secret skill and the body could even collapse.

In fact, the evil spirit stopped extending its tentacles as soon as they reached more than 3,000 meters. Although it was unwilling to stop, it still had to retract all its tentacles.

As the attack of the evil spirit had stopped, Lin Huang who was 3,500 meters away stopped as well, looking at it from afar.

Despite his attack injuring the evil spirit and even managing to get rid of the tentacles' attack, Lin Huang did not look relaxed.

"The attack range of its tentacles covers at least 3,200 meters. In addition to the number of tentacles and their attack speed, it's difficult for me to approach it. Even if its flaws are discovered and I can successfully get near it, one or two attacks aren't going to kill it. It'll be difficult for me to escape by then..."

Just as Lin Huang was quietly thinking about what he should do, the evil spirit's body that was thousands of meters away gradually faded. It transformed into its hidden state again, merging into the surroundings.

Having leveled up to immortal-level rank-6, the region covered by Lin Huang's territory was no longer restricted by Lancelot who was only an immortal-level rank-3. The radius of his territory had

increased from 3,000 meters to 6,000 meters.

He looked like he remained still in his original position. However, he was monitoring each and every movement of the evil spirit.

After the evil spirit transformed into its hidden state, it pounced right in front of Lin Huang. Its speed could be compared to that of Lin Huang's as it reached less than 100 meters away from him in just a blink of an eye.

Till then, Lin Huang still did not move. He did not dodge or defend himself.

Just when it was less than 20 meters away, the evil spirit finally attacked.

"You won't be able to run away this time!"

Hundreds of tentacles streaked across the sky in different paths. They instantly blocked Lin Huang's way to retreat. Even a mosquito could hardly escape from them.

As Lin Huang was being attacked, a wicked sound was heard coming from his sleeve. Black daggers then ripped out. The Ink Feather that had not been used for a long time was like black fishes swimming away from him and colliding with the tentacles.

"Are you actually able to see me?!"

Seeing the daggers hit each of its tentacles precisely, the evil spirit then realized that it had been fooled. All along, Lin Huang could see it.

"I can't..." Lin Huang immediately denied, shaking his head. "But I can feel you."

The evil spirit was stunned when it first heard him. It then regained its senses immediately. "Is that your Territory skill?!"

Lin Huang did not give any response.

The daggers hit the evil spirit's tentacles like wriggling fishes.

Aside from causing the tentacles to deviate from their original path, wounds formed on the tentacles as well.

Despite the fact that the Ink Feather daggers were not as sharp as Lin Huang's Air Slicer, it was still an ancient relic. The evil spirit's combat strength was only on immortal-level. Regardless of how strong its body was, it could not compare to an ancient relic.

Lin Huang floated up high in the sky, allowing the evil spirit's tentacles to attack him. The daggers shot out of his sleeve, defending him against all the tentacles. He was like a mountain that remained unaffected despite being pounded by waves.

The evil spirit made several attempts to attack. Its tentacles resembled waves that continually hitting him, trying to figure out if any of his flaws could be exposed. It wanted to take advantage of that, but its efforts were in vain.

The number of daggers coming out from Lin Huang's sleeve was increasing and there was a plot twist.

The evil spirit originally had a great advantage over him due to the number of tentacles. However, due to the increasing number of his daggers, he successfully pinned it down.

There were 3,600 daggers in a set of Ink Feather. After about 1,000 of the daggers had shot out of Lin Huang's sleeve, he managed to defend himself against the onslaught on him.

As the number of daggers continued increasing, Lin Huang started controlling the remaining daggers to weave through the gaps between the tentacles during the defense and attack the evil spirit.

The evil spirit could not do anything and it had to retract its tentacles in order to dodge.

The battle was turned around in an instant.

Just as about 3,000 of the daggers shot out of Lin Huang's sleeve, the evil spirit had lost its chance to attack. It had to focus on

defending itself against the daggers.

The daggers flashed in the air like piranhas swimming in the river and scaring every creature.

The evil spirit still did not want to retreat although hundreds of its tentacles were injured and blood stains were everywhere. None of its limbs got away scot-free.

However, the daggers were different from the combat sword which Lin Huang was holding as they exhibited no special characteristics. The evil spirit's tentacles were all bloody now. In fact, they were recovering on their own at a speed that was visible to the naked eye.

Of course, Lin Huang noticed that. The Ink Feather could injure the evil spirit. However, due to its strong recovery abilities, it could not be harmed.

In the next ten minutes, its perseverance was proven as it managed to survive the 3,600-dagger attack by Lin Huang.

The evil spirit did not only dodge the attacks with his tentacles. It had extremely strange body movements as well. Its water-like body could twist into unimaginable shapes and successfully avoided his onslaught.

"You're controlling thousands of ancient relics that work differently with Telekinesis. You've indeed done a great job. However, how long can your Telekinesis sustain?" The evil spirit insulted, "I suppose you can still sustain for another three months based on your attack strength."

Lin Huang knew that it was an exaggeration to say that he could still sustain for another three months. It had an endless supply of energy and its wounds recovered on their own. Moreover, it could avoid all his attacks with its body movements.

"If this continues, I'll be the one killed."

Flesh constantly grew from the evil spirit's wounds. Despite

having countless wounds, its aura was not weakened at all. It became stronger instead.

Sensing the slight changes that occurred in the evil spirit's body, Lin Huang who was still struggling finally made up his mind. A flicker of fury flashed through his eyes.

"Since one set of Ink Feather isn't enough for you, let's have two more sets! I don't believe that I can't kill you with that!"

Chapter 764: 10,800 Daggers

When Lin Huang was at the Stairway Mall, the first thing that he had redeemed with his points was the Ink Feather. There had been only three sets of the Ink Feather available at the Stairway Mall and he had bought them all. He had never used them since then.

Since an ancient relic could only be dominated by an immortal-level, he would need to use his Transformation Cards in order to achieve immortal-level. Otherwise, Lin Huang was capable of handling his enemies with his Air Slicer.

The evil spirit was the first enemy he encountered that forced him to use a whole set of his Ink Feather. The evil spirit would also be the first to witness Lin Huang use all three sets of his Ink Feather.

There were 3,600 daggers in each set of the Ink Feather and they were sufficient to force the evil spirit to focus its attention on defending itself. It did not even have the chance to counterattack.

What would happen if he were to use all three sets of the Ink Feather?

The answer to this question would be revealed very soon.

Lin Huang put both of his hands into his pockets and an increasing number of daggers shot out like swimming fish.

The Ink Feather that resembled black fishes soon gathered, forming into a school of fish and covering the entire sky.

Looking at what just happened, the evil spirit was upset.

The reason behind having only thousands of telekinetic weapons in a set of the ancient relic was because the majority of psychics were only capable of controlling that many telekinetic weapons.

However, Lin Huang could control them with ease and even managed to control the movement of every single dagger. The evil

spirit felt that this was not an easy feat.

Right now, three sets of the Ink Feather, which had 10,800 daggers, were flying towards the evil spirit. It was terrified.

More than 3,000 of the God's Blood Pods were dispersed into more than 3,000 gravel worlds and the longest that the pods could stay there were more than 500 years. It had only met two people who could be as strong as Lin Huang. The both of them majored in Telekinesis and they were also on imperial-level.

Aside from feeling afraid, the evil spirit soon realized that it was in great trouble.

It had given all it had to avoid being killed by the 3,600 daggers. It could imagine what the consequences would be as the number of daggers had tripled.

Hundreds of tentacles were in straitened circumstances right after they were attacked by the daggers which outnumbered them by at least ten times.

More than 10,000 daggers split up their tasks as they were all manipulated by Lin Huang. Half of them were used to restrict the evil spirit's tentacles, controlling their path. The other half of the daggers were like piranhas picking up the scent of blood as they attacked the evil spirit's jellyfish-like brain through the gaps beneath the tentacles.

The daggers struck the evil spirit's body, boring holes. Although they could not completely pierce through its body, each attack inflicted wounds on its body which were about ten centimeters deep.

However, its ability to recover was extremely strong. Flesh grew on its body within seconds and the wounds were quickly healed despite the wounds being more than ten centimeters deep. Nevertheless, the speed at which the wounds were formed was far beyond its recovery rate. Therefore, it had an increasing number

of injuries on its body.

The assault had only begun for less than five minutes and there were already wounds all over the evil spirit's body. The face of the floating sculpture looked scarier and became even more ferocious.

Still, it had no means of retreating. It knew very well that if it happened to retreat, it would be completely pinned down by Lin Huang and would not have the opportunity to fight back after that. Right at this moment, if it managed to survive through this until Lin Huang's telekinesis was exhausted, it would emerge as the winner.

Manipulating more than 10,000 daggers at the same time did really put a huge strain on Lin Huang's body. However, his telekinetic power originated from Divine Telekinesis, which was the integration of Telekinesis and Demonic Telekinesis. His telekinetic power was way stronger than the rest of the psychics and at the same time, the consumption of his telekinetic power was much lower compared to the rest. Otherwise, with his combat level, his telekinetic power would have been depleted in less than ten minutes if he were to control this amount of weapons.

The evil spirit struggled to survive for another half an hour, concentrating all its efforts to defend and dodge. It could no longer maintain in its hidden state.

Its movement skill was at its peak performance, performing various forms mid-air which even the best yoga masters would not be able to do. Hundreds of tentacles wove in the air at their maximum speed and not a second's rest was allowed. However, there were countless wounds on its body and there was blood all over.

Seemingly, black blood stains had tainted all over its body, covering almost its whole semi-transparent body. It no longer had the additional strength to get rid of the blood stains with its Life Power.

However, for the past half hour, Lin Huang's attack had not backed down at all. Be it his attack frequency or his attack strength, they were comparatively strong. They were so stable, resembling a machine that would not fail or fatigue.

It initially intended to rely on its strong recovery ability in order to exhaust Lin Huang's telekinetic power. However, after the half an hour attempt, it finally realized that it had underestimated how powerful Lin Huang's telekinetic power was.

It was too late when it realized the problem. Despite the fact that the wounds on its body were recovering, there were too many injuries that had accumulated over the last half hour which resulted in excessive blood loss. Its condition was deteriorating. It began to feel dizzy and no longer had control over its body. Its defense was slowing down as well.

"It's dying!"

Lin Huang noticed that the evil spirit's movements were slowing down and its defense had become much weaker. Its condition had worsened.

Still, he remained calm, maintaining his attack rate, frequency, and damage. Despite the fact that the defense of the evil spirit's tentacles was much weaker than before, he did not reduce the number of daggers that restricted the movement of the tentacles; neither did he increase the number of daggers attacking.

He knew the boiling frog syndrome very well, whereby it was safest to patiently let the frog being slowly boiled alive to be cooked to death. If one were to suddenly put the frog into boiling water, the frog would jump out and the cook might even be scalded.

Of course, the evil spirit would be killed faster if he were to increase his attack strength. However, this would cause it to fight more aggressively.

If he were to slowly torture the evil spirit, it would suffer from more severe injuries. Even if it were to counterattack, its damage impact would definitely become weaker.

The evil spirit panicked and its body became substantially weaker due to excessive blood loss. After all, this was its initial body through which the God's Blood Pod had been first dispersed into this world. If it happened to lose its original body, the consequences would be very grave.

In order to avoid being rejected by the gravel world's rules, each of the God's Blood Pods created by the evil spirit carried a limited amount of energy.

All the God's Blood Pods had to parasitize its host within 24 hours as soon as they entered the gravel world. After parasitizing its host, the pods would use up a large portion of the energy within its body in order to create its initial body, exploiting the host's potential so that the pods and the body itself could be integrated perfectly. If it happened to lose its initial body which it had put in so much effort to cultivate, the God's Blood Pods would not have any extra energy to enter another host for the second time.

Of course, it did not mean that the hosts could not spread the God's Blood Pods to others.

There were two ways to do so.

The first way would be to accumulate sufficient energy within its body. Then, it would need to parasitize another host and perform some modification. It would take several years for the process of accumulating energy to do so.

The evil spirit had said earlier that it wanted to possess Lin Huang's body. In fact, it wanted to spread the God's Blood Pods into Lin Huang's body this way.

Another way was known as summoning the body, which required the will of the body itself.

With its will, the God's Blood Pod could leave its initial body without causing harm to its body, spreading it to another host. However, the consciousness of the God's Blood Pod would be like a reformatted hard disk as its initial body would lose all its memory and inheritance and it would have to start from scratch.

After being formatted and losing its consciousness, whether it would still be the same God's Blood Pod or not would be a philosophical issue that was worth addressing.

Seeing that he was about to destroy its initial body and its vitality was quickly disappearing, the evil spirit knew that there was no way that it could be rescued.

It raised its head, staring at Lin Huang who was not far away from it. A flicker of fury flashed through the eyes of the floating sculpture.

"You forced me to do this!"

Chapter 765: Die, Evil Spirit!

If one's consciousness was emptied, was the person still the same as before?

This topic had actually been discussed by many, but nobody could actually give an accurate answer.

Somebody had once said that as soon as one's consciousness was wiped away, the person would not only experience a loss of memory. Aside from their memory, they would lose their personality as well. Personality was complex as it was determined by nature and nurture. Having had their personality erased, they would lose a part of themselves as well. This indicated that they would lose their personality that had been shaped by their experiences, their emotions, will, and all other aspects of life. Losing one's consciousness actually meant that one's consciousness was replaced by the new consciousness.

There were also people who likened the emptying of consciousness to reformatting a hard disk. After it was being reformatted, the hard disk was still what it used to be. With or without consciousness, you were still you. You would just be a different version of yourself.

The evil spirit had never done research on this topic. However, it definitely did not want to lose its consciousness. However, because of Lin Huang, it had no other choice.

It either had to be killed by Lin Huang or its consciousness had to be removed. Both choices were equally bad.

However, as it thought of what it had encountered today and felt how miserable it was now, the evil spirit chose the latter.

Lin Huang instantly felt that something was amiss just as he heard it growl, "You forced me to do this!"

Before he could react to it, a black glow emerged between the

eyebrows of the evil spirit's floating sculpture. All of a sudden, the black glow then flashed in the air and penetrated through the cloud layers in an instant. Lin Huang could not identify where it was going.

He felt insecure as he had no idea what the evil spirit was doing.

He immediately transferred a large number of daggers that were initially restricting the evil spirit's tentacles to attack it. Also, he increased his attack speed as he wanted to kill it as soon as possible.

"It's useless. It's no use even if you completely damage my body." A ferocious smile plastered across the evil spirit's face. "You forced me to do this..."

"What have you done?" Lin Huang frowned, feeling more and more insecure.

"Nothing special. I've just summoned my real body." The evil spirit laughed loudly after uttering its words. As countless daggers were coming after it, it went mad and completely gave up defending itself. It allowed the daggers to strike against its body and yelled at Lin Huang, "Enjoy the last slaughter of your life! Kill me and become my new body!"

"Has the dude gone crazy?" Lin Huang frowned, seeing the evil spirit's reaction. However, he got some important information from the evil spirit, which was that it had summoned its real body.

Lin Huang felt his emotions spiral downwards. Right until this moment, he could not understand the actual concept of the God's Blood Pods. Based on what he could see from the evil spirit, he guessed that it could be something with a cloning ability. With its cloning ability, he had to use almost all of his trump cards in order to gain victory.

Right now, the evil spirit's real body was coming from an even stronger world. Despite the fact that it was only the consciousness

of the real body itself, its ability would far surpass the God's Blood Pods'.

Moreover, Lin Huang speculated that its real body might be a Virtual God or a True God due to the phrase "God's Blood" in the God's Blood Pods.

Lin Huang lifted his head and looked towards the sky. On top of his head, a powerful yet unusual energy was throbbing vigorously between the cloud layers which the black glow had just penetrated through. The energy was spreading and increasing tremendously. Perhaps within half a minute, the plan that it was brewing would soon be revealed.

"It's too late to escape now. Even if I were to leave the mini world, with the God's power, it could easily tear the mini world apart and chase after me," Lin Huang surmised. He then quickly shifted his gaze towards the evil spirit.

The evil spirit's black blood was splashed everywhere on the ground and there were wounds all over its body. It was spine-chilling to look at. It no longer cared to what extent its body was damaged. It put its tentacles down and gave up defending itself against Lin Huang's attacks. However, it could still survive at the moment due to its body's recovery ability.

"Let's kill it first!"

Lin Huang did not want to waste his time fighting the evil spirit any longer. He then took out his God Crasher.

Manipulated by his telekinesis, the God Crasher then took aim at the evil spirit.

The six third-generation God Crashers that Lin Huang owned only had two remaining shots. They would be completely destroyed after being used. Lin Huang had been unwilling to use them all the while as they were weapons that could save his life, so he tried his best not to use them.

He had wanted to purchase more of the God Crashers from the black market for emergency use. However, the purchase of the item was strictly controlled by the Union Government. It was an extremely rare item in the black market as well. At almost every foothold if he happened to drop by the local black market, he would ask if the arms dealers had any God Crashers available for sale. However, each time he would receive the same reply: out of stock.

The God Crashers could not be replenished, so Lin Huang could only reduce the usage of the weapon.

Seeing the God Crashers taking aim at it, the evil spirit could clearly sense that it was threatening. All the memory regarding the God Crashers that it had inherited from the bodies that it had previously killed flashed through its mind. It then knew very well that the weapon could destroy it into ashes. However, the face of the floating sculpture revealed no fear. It taunted instead, "I've told you before that it's useless. As long as my God's Blood Pod isn't destroyed, the summoning process won't be interrupted. The arrival of my real body won't be stopped as well. The God Crashers that you have can't even break through the God's Blood Pods' defense."

"You're not the one to judge whether it's useful or not!" Lin Huang glared at the evil spirit. The daggers stopped attacking and scattered in all directions. The evil spirit was at the center, which stopped it from running away.

At the same time, a red glow appeared at the muzzle of the God Crashers. It continued to radiate intensely and reached its peak in an instant. The lava-like red glow then gushed out of the muzzle like lightning.

The evil spirit's eyes flashed with fear. The red glow then penetrated through its head before it could react to it. A large hole that was about a meter in diameter appeared next to its tentacles that were less than a meter away. The brain juice within its wound

was boiling. Lin Huang could see the towering mountain behind its back through the hole.

A third of its head had exploded in one hit.

The evil spirit's body became limp and it fell down to the ground.

Lin Huang stared at the evil spirit, not letting his guard down. A notification from Xiao Hei was then heard.

"Congratulations! You've obtained a Pseudo Mythical-level Monster Card (Unnamed) x1"

Lin Huang then felt relief flood through him.

He had made countless attempts to kill the evil spirit but kept failing. Now, Lin Huang could confirm that it had died after receiving the notification from Xiao Hei.

Soon after, his face turned ghastly because the summoning force of the evil spirit had not faded away. It remained unaffected and continued to grow immensely.

Lin Huang could clearly sense that the terrifying aura growing stronger every second.

"What it said is indeed true. Killing it won't stop the arrival of its real body..."

Chapter 766: Death Goddess

Between the clouds, the sky was enveloped by a black mist. A wave of terrifying energy gathered quickly along with an immense power.

The entire mini world dimmed due to the presence of the oppressive energy. Lightning flashed in between the cloud layers and the ground trembled slightly.

It seemed like its arrival was a big burden to the mini world and the world was about to collapse.

By unleashing his ocular skills, only then could Lin Huang see the layer of black mist in the air and the scar-like crack that was spreading quickly in mid-air.

Lin Huang frowned as he shifted his focus away, figuring out what he should do.

Bloody paid attention to everything that was happening on Lin Huang's sleeve. Seeing that Lin Huang had no idea what to do, Bloody then suggested, "Given my current ability, it's impossible to fight a Virtual God or even a True God face-to-face. There's only one way to overcome the danger, which is to stop the summoning of the evil spirit!"

"I've killed the evil spirit, yet I can't seem to stop its summoning," Lin Huang lamented. He suddenly recalled what the evil spirit had said. "Oh yeah, the God's Blood Pod! The evil spirit once said that in order to stop its summoning, one will have to destroy the God's Blood Pod!"

Lin Huang then appeared next to the evil spirit's carcass in a flash, pressing against its head. He quickly inserted his Life Power into it, searching for the so-called God's Blood Pod.

After a short while, he discovered a very weak and unusual energy fluctuation near the root of its tentacles. The fluctuation of

the energy was weak and obscure. They were more difficult to discover compared to Bloody's Leech Pods. He was familiar with the weak energy fluctuation since he possessed the ability to control the Leech Pods, without which, he would have neglected the presence of the energy fluctuation despite having inserted his Life Power into the corpse.

"I've found it!"

After targeting where the unusual fluctuation of energy originated from, Lin Huang recalled the God Crasher that could not be recharged in time, summoning the rest of his five God Crashers.

He retreated hundreds of meters away. Soon after, the five God Crashers were arranged in a row less than 10 meters away from the evil spirit's dead body. The God Crashers accurately took aim at the dead body where the unusual energy fluctuation came from.

Soon, red flames appeared on the muzzles of the God Crashers. The lightning-like red flames then gathered and shot out at the same time.

Bang!

Attacks from the five God Crashers were launched at the same time. Of course, the effects of the attacks were way more effective than having just one God Crasher. As a consequence of the energy generated by the five God Crashers, a chain reaction occurred with an intense explosion. Its power far exceeded Lin Huang's expectations.

A bloody sphere that was completely made of fire began to expand like a balloon and covered a radius of ten kilometers in an instant. The ground was burnt as soon as the bloody glow passed by. A red mushroom cloud shot up into the sky and a loud explosion was heard.

Lin Huang was thousands of meters beneath the ground with his

Dark Mirror activated, trembling. He had realized that something was off and managed to use his Transformation Card in time, transforming himself into Spectre and went underground. Otherwise, he would have been caught in the explosion.

"Is this the effect of the God Crashers?"

Sensing that the vibration of the ground had stopped, Lin Huang then went up to the surface.

What he saw was burnt marks all over the ground and a gaping, round pit that was more than 100 meters deep where the explosion had occurred.

Lin Huang felt anguish when he saw that the evil spirit and the five God Crashers had turned into ashes.

Two out of five of the God Crashers had one remaining attack each.

Soon after, Lin Huang noticed that right at the bottom of the big pit was a thumb-sized black crystal. Thanks to Lin Huang's terribly good eyesight, he saw it. Otherwise, nobody would have noticed the black crystal that was almost similar in color to the charred black ground.

"Could it be the God's Blood Pod?" Lin Huang appeared at the bottom of the pit so that he could have a closer look at the black, jade-like crystal.

The crystal was of the size of a female adult thumb. It was slightly larger than a water droplet. However, it was not round in shape. Instead, it looked like a diamond with countless crystal structures.

A layer of faint black mist spread on the surface of the crystal and it was soon covered by the smoke coming out from the burnt ground. Lin Huang saw it as he went closer to it.

Lin Huang stopped approaching it when he was about ten meters away. He could vaguely sense that the layer of black mist

surrounding the surface of the crystal was threatening.

"It seems like it's not been destroyed at all..." Lin Huang's face turned ghastly as he carefully observed it. However, he could then confirm that the black crystal was the God's Blood Pod.

All five of his God Crashers had been used and that was Lin Huang's most powerful skill. The God's Blood Pod was not damaged by the attack at all, and Lin Huang had no idea what he should do now.

An opening could be seen in the sky where the scar-like crack in the air had been torn apart. Black, sticky liquid that looked like asphalt gradually dripped out of the opening.

In the mini world, the sky had completely turned dark as though the day had turned to night in an instant.

The sky was overcast with dark clouds and beams of golden lightning flashed continuously. The ground trembled vigorously as if there was an earthquake. The howl of the wind resonated through the area, resembling the devil's cry. It was like a phenomenon before the apocalypse.

"Is there any way to stop this from happening?" In the air, Lin Huang saw that the black, sticky liquid was still gushing into the mini world and a humanoid feature was gradually forming.

Lin Huang had been staring at the sky all the while and he did not realize that the surface of the God's Blood Pod was emitting a faint black glow. Seemingly, it echoed the real body's consciousness.

Right at this moment, Lin Huang received a notification from Xiao Hei.

"A Divine Pod is detected. Its consciousness has collapsed and it can be turned into a card. Do you want to make it into a card?"

"What?"

Lin Huang was stunned. He then shifted his gaze to the God's

Blood Pod and noticed the changes. He soon understood that the Divine Pod that Xiao Hei had mentioned must be the God's Blood Pod right in front of him. He immediately nodded his head and said, "Get it!"

After finishing his words, the God's Blood Pod was immediately shrouded in a golden glow that appeared out of nowhere. The God's Blood Pod vibrated vigorously as it was covered by the glow. It struggled to get rid of the golden glow. Soon after, it got weaker as it struggled. It was completely suppressed and could no longer move. The golden glow then began to shrink, transforming into a card form. It then collapsed, turning into a golden beam and flowing in between Lin Huang's brows.

"Congratulations! You've obtained a Divine Pod (True God-level)"

After the arrival of the notification, before Lin Huang could even respond to it, his body stiffened. He could feel an immensely strong and oppressive aura coming from the top of his head. He felt like he was being suppressed by a huge mountain.

The crack in the air soon sealed and the black, asphalt-like, sticky liquid dissipated, flowing back into the crack in the air.

However, between the cloud layers, a huge, demonic face formed and gazed down at the mini world. The demonic female face covered tens of thousands of square meters. A pair of black, jade-like eyes shot Lin Huang a deadly stare.

Its glare alone could petrify Lin Huang.

"A holy fire-level managed to destroy my God's Blood Pod. That's kind of interesting, human brat... Please remember my name: the Death Goddess! I'll come back to you after I've finished my stuff. You won't be able to run away so easily next time. Your body is fated to be mine..."

After having uttered those words, the demonic face's left eye suddenly flashed with a black glow.

Lin Huang felt that his chest was burning. He lowered his head and soon, he noticed that a black imprint was quickly forming on his chest.

At this moment, the opening in the air had completely closed. The demonic face had disappeared as well as if it had never appeared.

The dark clouds that covered the mini world had cleared and the howling of wind had stopped. There was no more trembling of the ground as well.

Lin Huang stood at his original position as he looked at the imprint on his chest, remaining quiet.

Chapter 767: Xiao Hei's Suggestion

The imprint on Lin Huang's left chest turned black as if his skin had been inked. It was about the size of an adult fist and its shape looked like a complicated Witchcraft Rune.

However, Lin Huang could clearly tell that it was not the Witchcraft Rune. It was something from another system as the lines were not structured by any fundamental Witchcraft Runes. Moreover, its style was way more different from the Witchcraft Rune.

Although he had no idea what the imprint was, he could confirm that it was definitely not something good.

He stood still, carefully checking his body from head to toe. He checked his soul, the Life Wheels in his body and also his physique. Not even a single strand of his hair was neglected. He checked thrice but still, he found nothing odd.

"It doesn't mean that there isn't any problem although I can't figure it out," Lin Huang mumbled.

He extended his hand and an Ink Feather fell right into his palm. The dagger ripped through his collar and he tore his T-shirt apart. Again, he lowered his head and studied his left chest.

"Let's see if I can get rid of this in the simplest way."

After finishing his words, with the Ink Feather he was holding with his right hand, he pierced his chest. He could feel that the dagger stopped piercing through as it hit his breastbone. The dagger then began cutting along the imprint when it was a centimeter away. Soon, a circular wound was formed on his chest. Lin Huang endured the pain and pierced the dagger deeper into his chest. He groaned and soon after, he cut the circular flesh with the weird imprint out from his body.

Lin Huang was being harsh with himself. After the flesh was cut

out of his body, one could clearly see his exposed breastbone.

However, thanks to his Divine Regeneration skill, his flesh grew at a speed that was visible to the naked eye. In less than two seconds, his chest injury had healed as if he had never experienced any injury before.

Yes, he looked exactly like he was not injured at all.

The imprint was still there and it could clearly be seen on the flesh that had just grown back. The position of the imprint was exactly the same and its size and angle remained unchanged. It seemed like Lin Huang's flesh had never been cut from his body before. Without the bloody flesh that he was still holding in his hand, Lin Huang would have thought that what had just happened was merely an illusion.

The weirdest thing was that the imprint on the flesh that had been removed had disappeared.

"It's not working."

The outcome was as Lin Huang expected. He simply wanted to verify if such a crude way could get rid of the imprint.

"The imprint has targeted your body. It won't disappear as long as your body still has its vitality. This matches with what the demonic face said. What it wants is your body," Bloody slithered out of Lin Huang's sleeve and said.

"That means even if I die, as long as my body is still here, the imprint isn't going to disappear." Lin Huang was helpless. With his Divine Regeneration, as long as there was no destructive damage, even after his body had lost its vitality, he could remain as he looked for tens of thousands of years and there would be not a single change.

"Yes, it is. In addition to the woman being at least a Virtual God, the imprint she left on your body most probably contains the remnants of divinity. The power it contains is of another level.

Perhaps only God is capable of getting rid of it," Bloody added.

"There's another piece of bad news. She's at least a True God," Lin Huang said helplessly.

Despite Lin Huang not looking at the card after the Divine Pod was made into its card form, he did take a glance at Xiao Hei's notification. Next to the Divine Pod, it stated that it was on the True God-level.

The name of the Death Goddess itself sounded like it was a monster that nobody could afford to offend. In addition to it being capable of dominating more than 3,000 God's Blood Pods that were on True God-level, it indicated that it was at least a True God or even stronger.

Lin Huang was only looking for a Life Fire monster. He had never expected that things would get so complicated.

Aside from only managing to kill it after about 20 attempts, he had even attracted the arrival of the big boss that almost killed him.

"Just let it be. Since I can't feel anything, I'll think of a solution after leaving this place." Lin Huang shook his head, snapping out of his thoughts.

After recalling all the daggers, he crushed his flesh with his left hand and it vanished.

"It's too bad that the evil spirit's body has been destroyed. I don't have time to extract its tinder. I have to look for another tinder monster..." Lin Huang lowered his head, looking at the deep pit caused by the God Crashers. Nothing was left of the evil spirit's body. Obviously, it had been destroyed due to the high temperature generated from the explosion caused by the God Crashers.

Just as Lin Huang was about to leave the mini world, Xiao Hei's voice was suddenly heard. "I helped you to extract the tinder."

"When did you extract it? Why don't I know it?"

Lin Huang found it strange. Lin Huang had to touch the monster's carcass after it was killed each time during the extraction of tinder. Lin Huang had never touched the evil spirit's dead body at all, yet Xiao Hei said that the tinder had been extracted.

"The Divine Pod can be used as tinder."

"Isn't it the Divine Pod on the True God-level? Do I have sufficient authority to activate it?" Lin Huang immediately asked.

"It's indeed on True God-level. However, since the Divine Pod is artificially made, it can be used by a holy fire-level. In addition to its previous body having a low combat level, its activation state remains on the beginner level. Therefore, a low level of authority is sufficient to activate it. You can use it."

"Are you sure that it can be used as tinder? Is it going to affect the upgrade in my combat strength in future?" Still, Lin Huang was worried.

"I've made a thorough analysis. The core structure of the Divine Pod and the Life Fire in the human body is 70% similar. Perhaps, the person who made it referred to the structure of the Life Fire which causes it to be completely compatible with the human body. Of course, its structure is much stabler and stronger than the tinder's.

"If it's used as tinder, it won't influence the upgrade in your combat strength. Instead, you'll become even stronger.

"Of course, if it influences the upgrade in your combat strength in future, I can turn it into its card form again. Then, you can look for a new tinder to replace it.

Stroking his chin, Lin Huang then agreed with Xiao Hei's suggestion. "Alright. Then, I'm going to use it as tinder!"

It was not easy for him to look for a tinder monster like the evil

spirit. If he were not going to use the Divine Pod, it would take him a few more months to look for a suitable tinder. Be it on Mr. Fu's side or at the Abyss Brink, he could not afford to waste any more time.

After making up his mind, Lin Huang took out the Divine Pod card.

The golden card floated above Lin Huang's palm. The animated image on top of the card was a diamond-like black crystal. There was a layer of faint black mist on its surface and it looked exactly the same as the real item that Lin Huang had seen previously.

Staring at the card for a moment, Lin Huang took a deep breath. Two of his fingers exerted force and the card was crushed.

Chapter 768: Leveled-up to Gold Flame-level

The golden card was crushed in between Lin Huang's fingers. Soon, it transformed into a beam of black light and flowed into Lin Huang's chest.

Lin Huang then snapped out of his thoughts, carefully observing the changes that had occurred in his body.

If the God's Blood Pod were in its original state, he certainly would not have inserted it into his body. Since it was a True God-level item, if there were any problems, he would be putting his life at risk.

However, after Xiao Hei had transformed it, he was relieved to use it as a card.

After inserting the Divine Pod into his body, it then went into Lin Huang's main Life Wheel, becoming a black tinder.

The black tinder began to engulf the Life Power in Lin Huang's body as soon as it formed. It expanded rapidly at a speed that was visible to the naked eye.

In less than three minutes, in his main Life Wheel, the dozen circles of the purple Life Power in the 360 columns were depleted.

Lin Huang was about to activate the nine other Life Wheels and insert the Life Power into his empty Life Wheel so that more energy could be used to replenish the black tinder.

Just as he was about to do so, the black tinder that had grown to a height of ten meters began to exude a layer of faint black mist, enveloping the four Life Fire next to it.

Lin Huang frowned as he witnessed the phenomenon. He could not tell if the change was beneficial or malevolent.

Soon, the four purple Life Fires were tainted black as they were shrouded in the layer of black mist. Not only did the color change,

but even their shape also began to merge with the black flame.

Naturally, the state of his Life Fire should be made of five Life Fire, and there would be five Life Fire petals. However, the four Life Fire which he initially had started to merge with the black Life Fire as if they were merging into one Life Fire.

"Xiao Hei, are you sure what's happening right now is normal?" Lin Huang did not immediately stop the strange phenomenon from happening because he could clearly feel that the process of leveling up was somehow normal. There was no sign that he had failed to level up.

"Perhaps the Divine Pod is too powerful. It might have treated your Life Fire as food and engulfed it. Do you need me to stop the process so that the Divine Pod can be separated? Before finishing the merging, it can be separated anytime. However, after it's completed, I'm not sure if it can still be separated."

Lin Huang hesitated when he heard what Xiao Hei said. He was no longer sure how the leveling up process worked and he could vaguely feel that the unknown might not be necessarily bad.

Seeing the rest of the Life Fire starting to merge with the Divine Pod, Lin Huang made a decision courageously. "No, I'd like to see how it'll look like later."

In his Life Wheel, the four Life Fires then merged with the black flame. The black flame had already grown 300 meters tall, and it was the same height as the most towering Life Fire.

However, Lin Huang could feel that the new Life Fire was much stronger than the previous four.

Before Lin Huang could react to it, the black flame suddenly separated into nine thumb-sized flares in his main Life Wheel. They shot towards the remaining nine Life Wheels.

Soon, the nine Life Wheels experienced the same thing that had just happened in his main Life Wheel whereby the black Life Fire

completely replaced their Life Fire.

As soon as ten of the black Life Fires were formed, Lin Huang could vaguely sense the hunger coming from the black Life Fire. At the same time, the Life Power in the rest of his body was quickly drawn towards the ten Life Wheels, embedding into his Life Fire.

Lin Huang immediately took out his Life Power Refill Card and crushed it so that the Life Power in his body could be replenished.

In less than three minutes, the first Life Power Refill Card had been used up. In a matter of time, the second and the third Life Power Refill Cards were exhausted as well.

The black Life Fire had reached a height of 1,000 meters tall, and it was still hungry for more.

"The power supply isn't sufficient yet!"

Lin Huang frowned. He immediately took out a large number of Life Crystals and began extracting power from them to fuel his Life Fire. However, it was likely to be but a drop in the ocean.

After slowly absorbing the energy for less than a minute, the black Life Fire in his body was no longer satisfied with the speed of his Life Power being supplied.

In his Life Wheel, the black Life Fire started releasing a black mist, and Lin Huang could vaguely predict what the Life Fire was thinking. It wanted to release the black mist to engulf the Life Crystals on its own.

"Alright, you do it on your own then."

After getting permission from Lin Huang, the black mist soon dissipated out of his Life Wheel. It was then released into the real world through Lin Huang's chest.

The layer of faint black mist seemed to have its own consciousness as it covered the regions with Life Crystals and began absorbing the Life Power.

The Life Crystals shrank swiftly, resembling snow under the sun.

In less than a minute, the Life Crystals right in front of Lin Huang were absorbed by the layer of black mist.

Lin Huang then took out more Life Crystals and piled them up in front of him.

The black mist then covered the area and started engulfing the Life Crystals.

The speed of the black mist shrouding the crystals far exceeded the rate at which Lin Huang could absorb. Lin Huang noticed that the black Life Fire continued to grow while the black mist was absorbing the Life Crystals.

Its height grew from 1,000 meters to 2,000 meters, and then it reached 3,000 meters. Just as it reached 10,000 meters, only then did it stop growing.

More than three hours had passed. In Lin Huang's storage space, he found that he had used about a billion of his Life Crystals.

If the tinder continued to absorb power at this rate, Lin Huang had no idea what else he should use to feed it.

"I've just gone broke overnight..."

Lin Huang twitched his mouth, forcing a smile. He had never expected to become poor because of a tinder.

In his Life Wheel, after his Life Fire had reached 10,000 meters, the Divine Pod finally felt satiated and gradually recalled the layer of black mist that had been released out of Lin Huang's body.

As the Life Fire vibrated, Lin Huang's ten Life Wheels that had been drained were restored within three minutes.

The black Life Power started coursing through Lin Huang's body, restoring his veins and changing every single cell in his body.

The change in his Life Power was much faster than before as it took him less than 20 minutes. The upgrade process to become a

gold flame-level had been completed.

Although he only had one Life Fire left in his body, he could feel that he was more than ten times stronger than before.

Seeing the black Life Power moving through his palm, he could clearly feel that the quality of the Life Power was far beyond the strength of a holy fire-level's. To be exact, the precision of his Life Power could be compared to an immortal-level.

"I've finally leveled up to gold flame-level. I used to think that using five Life Fires was the right cultivation technique. It seems like merging five Life Fire into one is better," Lin Huang mumbled. Soon, he frowned. "The Life Fire is so powerful. How am I going to light up the Life Lamp?"

Chapter 769: True God-level Life Fire

By the time he returned from Kylie's mini world to Martel City, it was already slightly after five in the morning.

Those who had come to fight early in the morning might have left as there was nothing to discover. Even the residents had fled. After the fight, what remained were the ruins and the vacant buildings. Some of them also forgot to turn off the lights in their houses.

Watching the sunrise, Lin Huang felt like he was in another world. This was by far the most miserable battle he had ever experienced.

The first thing he did as soon as he went back to his hotel was sleep.

After fighting overnight, he was well and truly exhausted. Despite his body feeling energized after leveling up, he was mentally tired, which was why he could fall asleep so quickly.

Bloody was reading various sources of information through the Emperor's Heart Ring next to him.

Lin Huang woke up at about 6 p.m. and felt recharged.

"A person called Xia Hou visited you at about eight o'clock in the morning. He knocked on the door for a while, but I ignored him. He then left. I was afraid that he'd wake you up, so I blocked the noise out," Bloody said when it saw that Lin Huang was awake.

"Xia Hou?" Reminded by Bloody, Lin Huang then recalled that he was the investigator who had investigated the crime with him. "He must've heard about the incident that happened last night, so he should be asking me to investigate. Since I've killed the evil spirit, it's fated that they won't get any results for their investigation."

"Is there any other person who came?" Lin Huang asked.

"No." Bloody shook its head. It then added, "I've done some research on what you asked me to look for this morning."

"The imprint on your body is known as the True God imprint. During the old era, it was a mark the True God left on their slaves. It was mainly used as a symbol of authority over all their slaves. It can be used to locate them, but they don't have full control over their slaves. It can only be used as a mark. There's no way to destroy the imprint. Only the one who made the imprint or those who are of the same level are capable of removing it."

"It can only be used as a mark?" Lin Huang felt relieved when he heard that. Soon, he secretly contacted Xiao Hei and asked, "Is there any Healing Card that can be used to remove it?"

"Nothing strange is detected in your body. The Healing Card can't be used."

"It's fine. If it can't be destroyed, I shall just leave it there." Since there was no way to get rid of the imprint, Lin Huang decided to put it aside. "What about the information regarding the immortal-level?"

"The cultivation technique of an immortal-level is to kill an immortal-level monster and capture the monster's soul. The monster's soul serves as a container which stores the Life Fire in it. The monster's soul is initially used as a furnace to nurture the Life Fire, turning it into a Life Furnace. However, due to the shape of the Life Furnace that looks like there's a semi-transparent screen covering the Life Fire, it looks very similar to a lamp. Therefore, it was named as a Life Lamp. The people got used to calling it this way, and they seem to have forgotten what it used to be called. The name 'Life Furnace' was then replaced by 'Life Lamp'," Bloody continued.

"I've come across this before. In fact, the Life Lamp looks like an energy reaction furnace whereby the monster's soul is a container that stores the burning Life Fire. With the current strength of my

Life Fire, there's no way that I can store any of the monsters' souls in it. My Life Fire can probably burn an imperial-level monster's soul into ashes within minutes, let alone an immortal-level's monster's soul." The Divine Pod was the perfect tinder. However, its sequel had become Lin Huang's greatest problem.

If none of the monster souls could bear his Life Fire, it was an indication that the Life Furnace (Life Lamp) could not be formed. Lin Huang would then be unable to level-up to immortal-level.

"The Life Fire in your body is a True God-level item. Not only does the imperial-level monster's soul does not affect you; in fact, aside from the True God-level monster's soul that can be used as a container, all containers of other levels will be damaged. Even a Virtual God-level monster's soul will be destroyed later on." After finishing its words, Bloody then stated, "That's why I think that the conventional leveling technique of an immortal-level no longer works for you.

"I have two suggestions. First, you could major in another cultivation system, but you have to look for a system that's compatible with your current training technique. Secondly, you could refer to another cultivation system and create your own set of cultivation system."

"Both of your suggestions are less feasible." Lin Huang shook his head helplessly.

"Most of the cultivations systems are independent. There are only a few of them that are compatible with each other. Even if they aren't independent, it's rare for their compatibility level to exceed 30%. If I were to major in a cultivation system with such a low compatibility level, why not I spend some time learning it again?

"As for the second suggestion, creating a new cultivation system can only be achieved through the efforts contributed by different tribes for tens of years or even hundreds of years. I don't have the

sufficient knowledge to do so or the time."

Bloody kept quiet for a while and soon, it said, "There's another way..."

"Do tell." Lin Huang nodded.

"Look for something that can replace the monster's soul so that it can be used as a container that stores Life Fire," Bloody said, "The items that can be used to replace the God-level monster's soul are mostly soul god items or god relics. It'd be better if the god items or god relics are on a True God-level."

"This plan could probably work." Lin Huang had a strange expression on his face.

In the gravel world, god items and god relics were extremely rare. If either of them happened to be available for sale at the auction, people would've gone crazy. Lin Huang could hardly afford to buy a demigod-level item even when he was wealthy, let alone a True God-level item.

"Also, don't forget that you have nine Life Lamps," Bloody reminded.

Lin Huang felt that he had just been splashed with a bucket of ice water. He stiffened.

Although he had found his way out after communicating with Bloody, he knew that he had a long way to go.

"So, I need nine True God-level items. That's if there are that many of them in this world. If there are, I guess I'll be broke hundreds of times if I were to buy them with all the money I have." It was stressing him out. "It seems like I have to participate in more exploration of ruins and heritage sites."

Snapping out of his thoughts, Lin Huang then began to check the rewards he got from killing the evil spirit.

Still, he was unable to obtain the Supreme Intelligence that he

desired during the hunting of Life Fire. Right before the Divine Pod was made into its card form, its internal consciousness had collapsed. Neither its inheritance nor memory had been retained. When Xiao Hei had made it into its card form, it handled and extracted the remaining pieces of consciousness that were not completely destroyed. However, it only managed to retrieve one secret skill: the Golden Cicada.

That secret skill was what the evil spirit had been using to revive itself. However, the effect of the skill he had obtained was much weaker than the evil spirit's.

The Golden Cicada secret skill allowed Lin Huang to disguise himself as anyone perfectly he had ever killed (disguising himself as a monster was not allowed) and at the same time, he could completely mimic one's inheritance, memory, and abilities.

He was given three chances a day to shed. He could either abandon the body or the body itself could remain as a scapegoat. However, once the body was discarded, he would be unable to disguise himself as the body any longer.

The secret skill consisted of two abilities which were Disguise and Scapegoat. Despite it being way weaker than the evil spirit's skill, Lin Huang was quite satisfied with it.

After scanning through the description of the secret skill, he took out another card.

"Monster Card

"Rarity: Mythical (Pseudo)

"Name of Monster: (Unnamed)

"Type of Monster: God's Blood (Initially the evil spirit) (Pseudo Pureblood)

"Combat Level: Immortal-level rank-2 (Beginner)

"Summoning Limit: Activated for the immortal-level

"Card Remarks: Recommended to train with maximum effort!"

"God's Blood?" Seeing the information on the evil spirit's card, Lin Huang was shocked because he used to think that it was an evil spirit, but it turned out to be a God's Blood.

After carefully checking the information on the card, Lin Huang could briefly tell what had happened to the monster. It was an evil spirit for real. However, after being parasitized by the God's Blood, it was modified into a God's Blood with pure blood. Since it was human-made, Xiao Hei had stated that it was a monster with pseudo pureblood.

Bai was only a high-level God's Blood and was still far away from containing pureblood. In terms of levels, the "evil spirit" was much higher than Bai and Charcoal.

"Unfortunately, only an immortal-level can summon it." Seeing the chain seal on the front of the card, Lin Huang knew that he had insufficient authority to use it. He then put the card away after a while.

As the sky was turning dark, Lin Huang took a step forward towards the balcony.

He glanced up into the sky, watching the cloud layers being tainted golden red by the setting sun. Lin Huang observed the sunset from afar and mumbled, "I'm going to leave early tomorrow. I'll first get the cross-ranking rewards for the gold flame-level!"

Chapter 770: The Cursed Land

The Cursed Land was one of the six forbidden lands in Division 3. It was a lonely island located on the east coast of the Peaceful Ocean.

The reason why the people named it the Cursed Land was not because humans who visited the land would be cursed. Instead, it was because all the monsters that entered would be cursed and would be unable to leave.

It was said that all the monsters that left the island would die within 24 hours. Their dead bodies would transform into spirits, and they would return to the island.

There was more than one Imperial Censor who had performed experiments here with their pet monster. As long as the pet monster was summoned on the island, they would die within 24 hours, transforming into a spirit despite being recalled when the Imperial Censor left the island. The contract between the pet monster and the Imperial Censor would then be rendered void. They would attack all the creatures that blocked their way for the sake of returning to the island.

Apart from that, all the creatures that died on this island, including humans would turn into spirits and become new prisoners on the island.

Lin Huang had heard of the different kinds of stories about the forbidden land soon after he reached Division 3. He had also read through the information, so he was not even going to attempt it.

He chose such a place to obtain the cross-ranking reward because he suspected that there would be a hidden spiritual god's item or god relic on this island.

In fact, Lin Huang was not the first one who thought about this.

Just as the Cursed Land was discovered, many had suggested

this. Up until more than 100 years ago, the rumor had spread to the entire Division 3, and almost all of the transcendents knew this.

Back then, many groups of explorers visited the Cursed Land. The explorers slaughtered almost all the spirits on the island. Every single corner of the island was explored, but nothing was discovered.

Over the past hundred years, nobody managed to find any of the spiritual items. Soon, the number of people who believed in this became lesser, and the number of explorers who visited the island declined.

What Lin Huang was thinking of was pretty simple. He merely wanted to look for a place with many immortal-level rank-9 monsters. The only locations that fulfilled this criterion were the six forbidden lands in Division 3. Since the Cursed Land was one of the forbidden lands and there was such a legend about it being a place with spiritual items, Lin Huang decided to pay it a visit.

He was not expecting much from this trip. His main intention was to hunt the monsters so that he could obtain the cross-ranking reward. He would walk around and leave the Cursed Land after that.

He departed from Martel City and finally arrived at his destination, the Cursed Land, after two days.

The island was not as deserted as Lin Huang expected. He used to think that a place where spirits lived would not have any living plants. However, it was an island with lush greenery. Since the island was barely visited, it looked like a primitive jungle.

Most of the immortal-level explorers had to be extra careful when exploring a forbidden land like this, including Lin Huang.

He did not enter the jungle in the first place. He gradually floated into the air, retreating hundreds of meters away from the island. He then summoned Bloody.

The curse was not going to work if one did not enter the region covered by the island. This was also the reason why the fishes nearby could leave safely after hunting for food in the vicinity.

After confirming this, Lin Huang then dared to summon Bloody. However, for the sake of his monster's safety, he retreated 300 meters away before crushing Bloody's card.

"Is this the Cursed Land?" Bloody was curious about the island. "It's much livelier than I thought."

"That's what I thought too." Lin Huang said, smiling. "I won't bring you in this round. Please help me to check the location of the immortal-level rank-9 monsters, and I'll recall you back into your card form later."

Bloody nodded its head. It knew that Lin Huang was doing so for the sake of its safety.

The Leech Pods were then controlled by Bloody, spreading towards the vast island.

After more than half an hour, Bloody then nodded its head at Lin Huang. "I've found them. There are quite a number of immortal-level rank-9 monsters on this island."

"I supposed that you've explored further. Is there anything else you discovered?" Lin Huang knew Bloody very well. Since it knew that there were hidden spiritual items on this island, it would definitely check those out.

"I found nothing special. There's a burial ground situated at the west of the island. However, it seems like it's been dug countless times. There are a few lakes, which I think the people have explored as well. I'll mark them on the map for you."

A map that Lin Huang had bought from the black market was then projected. Bloody marked it with different colors. The location of the immortal-level rank-9 monsters was marked in yellow whereas the location of the imperial-levels was marked in

red. As for the lakes, Bloody marked them with a blue water droplet, and the burial ground was marked with a skeleton symbol. Several places looked strange to Bloody, so it marked them with a yellow question mark.

After getting all these done, Bloody briefly explained to Lin Huang about the condition of the places other than the burial ground. Lin Huang then recalled it back into its card form and headed towards the yellow spot, which was the nearest to him.

Before exploring, he wanted to obtain all the cross-ranking rewards first.

Soon, Lin Huang arrived at his first destination.

The first monster marked by Bloody was a spiritual bird.

It had two heads, but it obviously had them all along even before turning into a spirit. On top of the two of its heads, four white eyeballs without irises appeared. There were wounds on its stomach and wings. The wounds had stopped bleeding and had even begun to decay. However, it did not seem to have any reaction to it.

"I've no idea how long the Twinhead Dragon Condor has died for." Lin Huang could tell what type of monster it was at first glance.

After observing it for a while, Lin Huang crushed the Double Reward Card he had and attacked the immortal-level rank-9 monster in a flash.

If he leveled up to gold flame-level under the regular leveling process, he would not have the confidence to kill an immortal-level rank-9 monster. However, he was pretty confident that he could now kill most of the immortal-level rank-9 monsters.

In less than two minutes, both the Twinhead Dragon Condor's heads were chopped off by Lin Huang's constant attacks. Before he could even store its dead body in his storage space, a notification

from Xiao Hei arrived.

"Congratulations! You've completed nonuple cross-ranking kill: Reward Card Draw x60!"

The effective period of the Double Reward Card was only an hour.

Lin Huang then put the dead body away and did not linger there any longer. He opened his map and proceeded towards the second yellow spot!

Chapter 771: Dark Knight

"Congratulations! You've completed nonuple cross-ranking kill – Reward Card Draw x60!"

"Congratulations! You've obtained an Epic Monster Card – Dark Knight (Spirit) x2!"

As soon as Xiao Hei's second notification was heard, Lin Huang frowned.

He was not expecting to obtain a complete set of monster card from the last cross-ranking kill. Thanks to the Double Reward Card, he managed to get two monster cards.

Lin Huang, who already owned a large number of Legendary Monster Cards, was not interested in a double-mutated Epic Monster Card. He was going to put them away after catching a glimpse of the monster cards.

There was nothing special on the front of the card. The image of the monster was similar to its real body. Both of them were also humanoid monsters with black armor, holding a long, black spear in its hand.

Lin Huang took a glance at it and flipped to the back of the card. He wanted to see what skills the monster possessed.

As soon as he skimmed through the first description line, Lin Huang suddenly fixed his gaze on one of the skills. After several moments, a smile was plastered across his face.

"How is it possible to own such a skill?!" Lin Huang did not expect the Dark Knight that could not perform well in battle would possess such an attractive skill.

"Knight: It allows the Dark Knight to ride on any non-human monsters. On a ride, the Dark Knight can unleash its true ability, and the mount's combat strength will be one to three ranks higher (it depends on the mount's grade and combat strength). At the

same time, the Dark Knight can share the skills that the mount possesses, which increases the skill power anywhere from three to five times stronger.

"Remarks: A knight without a mount is not a complete knight."

Lin Huang decided to train the two Dark Knights after seeing the skill. He did not act on impulse. The Knight skill seemed to be the most powerful skill Lin Huang had ever seen on an Epic Monster Card.

After reading through the skill description twice, Lin Huang already knew which mount to choose for the two Dark Knights.

Earlier in Division 7, Lin Huang had killed two Black Serpents. After that, both the Black Serpents went through their third mutation and evolved into Dark Crescent Snakes with ancient blood.

Both the Dark Crescent Snakes were pretty strong, but Bai and Lancelot outshone them. That was the reason why Lin Huang rarely summoned them. However, since he now had the two Dark Knights, both of the Dark Crescent Snakes could be paired perfectly with them.

"I'll upgrade both of the Dark Knights into a triple mutated monster after I return. After matching them with the Dark Crescent Snakes, perhaps their abilities will be on par with Bai's," Lin Huang thought to himself, "However, I'm not sure whether turning the two Dark Knights into card form would be affected by the curse or not."

Theoretically, the Monster Cards which he obtained after killing the Dark Knight would have nothing to do with the monster itself. However, Lin Huang was still feeling dubious.

It took a total of three hours to obtain ten cross-ranking rewards, and he got a total of 600 card draws. Lin Huang's main task had been completed.

In fact, the ten battles took him only about half an hour. He spent 2.5 hours traveling.

If he could summon Thunder, perhaps he would have gotten it done within two hours and could have even saved a Double Reward Card.

However, Lin Huang was pretty satisfied with the outcome. He had obtained 300 extra card draws with three Double Reward Cards. It was a great deal.

After recalling both the Dark Knight cards, Lin Huang tapped the map open again and looked at the rest of the marks made by Bloody.

"The burial ground is situated at the west of the island. From here, I'll pass three lakes and a place marked with the question mark. I need to detour."

Lin Huang soon made up his mind and chose the first destination: the largest lake on the island.

After more than 40 minutes, Lin Huang eventually arrived at his destination after avoiding an imperial-level monster lair on his way.

The largest lake on the island was not that vast at just about 80 square meters.

The vivid water of the lake enhanced the beauty of the greenery. If this were a place on Earth, it would definitely be a favorite tourist spot for sailing.

Lin Huang did not really enjoy the beautiful scenery in front of him.

When Bloody explored the island with its Leech Pods, the pods had actually parasitized a small number of the monsters. He then managed to retrieve some useful information from the monsters.

On this island was a monstrous bird on demigod-level. It liked to

hunt for monsters living in the water. If there were any imperial-level monsters in the lake, they would be eaten in the first place. Sometimes when it was hungry, even immortal-levels would be killed.

This was also the reason why almost all the monsters in the lake were incapable of fighting Lin Huang.

As he recalled the information provided by Bloody, Lin Huang felt relieved and soon, he dove into the water.

Despite the lake not being huge, it was deep. Lin Huang surrounded himself with Life Power and dove to the bottom of the lake, which was about 200 meters deep.

The lake water was quite clear, and in addition to Lin Huang's terribly good eyesight, he could see everything about 100 meters away clearly.

He monitored a four-kilometer radius with Telekinesis. At the same time, he sized up the surroundings while monitoring the monster activities with his territory.

It took him about half an hour to thoroughly explore the lake. Despite the wall of the lake being scanned by his Telekinesis, he found nothing.

Therefore, he emerged from the lake and did not go in for the second time. He immediately opened the map and headed towards the second lake.

After exploring the second lake, Lin Huang then arrived at the location which was marked with a question mark on the map.

It was a swamp. Bloody had marked it with a question mark because its Leech Pods were unable to detect whether if there were any hidden items in the swamp.

The area of the swamp was no smaller than the first lake he had gone to. Based on the memory of the monsters which the Leech Pods had parasitized, there was nothing strange about this place.

However, since it remained a mystery, Bloody had marked it on the map for Lin Huang so that it would not be neglected.

After entering the swamp, Lin Huang activated his Telekinesis again. He walked deeper in the swamp and began to explore.

He spent more time exploring the swamp compared to the time taken to examine the first lake. It took him about 40 minutes to complete combing the swamp.

Thanks to his Telekinesis, he discovered the greatest secret of the swamp. A large number of monster carcasses were buried beneath.

After leaving the swamp, Lin Huang spent another ten minutes exploring the third lake and still found nothing.

"Let it be. Perhaps the rest of the places will be more or less the same."

Since there was no new discovery after four attempts, Lin Huang's desire to explore gradually subsided. "Let the burial ground be the final destination. I shall leave after exploring it."

Chapter 772: The Burial Ground

The burial ground was at the most western side of the island and was surrounded by mountains.

It was already 6 p.m. when Lin Huang arrived at the valley. The sky was turning dark.

As the setting sun glowed all over the valley, it added beauty to the scenery. A randomly captured photo of the scene could be set as a desktop or mobile wallpaper without the need to choose the perfect angle.

Lin Huang captured a few of the videos as well, sharing them on his social media which he had not logged in to for a long time.

He was not active on social media, and the total number of friends he had was less than ten. Just as he posted the videos, his friend commented within seconds. "That's so beautiful. Where's it?"

Lin Huang then took a look at it and realized the person who had commented was Yi Yeyu. It was evident that she had a lot of free time.

He then replied briefly, "The Cursed Land". Lin Huang then logged out of his social media as he did not have the time to chat with Yi Yeyu. Even imperial-levels would not put their guards down when they were in the forbidden land, let alone Lin Huang.

As soon as he entered the valley, Lin Huang delved deeper and soon, he was at the deepest point of the valley.

He went completely silent after seeing the scenery in the deepest part of the valley. He had no idea how to describe how he felt at the moment.

Above the ground, white bones entirely covered the ground.

There were several big pits in the valley. Apparently, humans

were the ones who had dug them. The deepest pit was hundreds of meters deep. However, when Lin Huang peered into it, what he could see were still the remains of the monsters. Apart from that, he discovered nothing, not even a blade of grass.

There were several versions about the origin of the burial ground that could be found online. However, they sounded ridiculous. Nobody knew the actual reason behind the formation of the ground.

When the island was discovered, the burial ground had already existed for a couple of years.

However, there was a most widespread version, and it was also the one which most people agreed with.

This was what it said: The hidden god's item was at the burial ground of the Cursed Land. The item had dominated all the monsters' souls on the island. When all the monsters died, they returned to the place where the souls were kept. This was the only way where they could achieve peace.

Since many of them believed this, many people dug the burial ground, making it appear thus.

"It's similar to the elephants' graveyard, which people have been talking about on Earth." Lin Huang remembered that he had heard of this legend before back on Earth.

When the elephants sensed they were near death, they would enter the deep forest during the last few days of their lives. Following the path, they would reach the elephants' graveyard where they were buried.

Of course, Lin Huang could not confirm whether if elephants' graveyards really existed or not.

"It's less likely that it'd be a human-made burial ground. It must be related to the strange story behind the island. If I'm not mistaken, it's the same thing that caused the formation of the

burial ground and the curse cast on the island. However, nobody knows what it actually is. Be it an item or a living being, no one can confirm," Lin Huang speculated.

He took a few photos and soon, he activated his Telekinesis. He then began to explore every single corner of the area.

The burial ground was not really big at about 30 square meters. However, due to its depth, Lin Huang had to investigate carefully. The sky had turned completely dark even before the first round of exploration was completed.

Far away in the sky, a red and a purple moon rose from different directions. It was a beautiful and cloudless night with the moonlight glinting off the ground without obstacles. The white bones buried beneath the burial ground looked even whiter.

"It's really a good place for the filming of a horror movie," Lin Huang grumbled. It was even creepier when the moonlight shone on the burial ground.

Despite the sky becoming dark, it had no effect on Lin Huang's investigation. The impact of the light ray on his eyesight was not significant, let alone given his Telekinesis and territorial skill. The investigation effect had nothing to do with the intensity of the light ray.

At night, all the spiritual monsters would become active. However, the burial ground was an exception. There was no living monster here. Even imperial-levels or demigods would intentionally avoid this area. The remains buried beneath the burial ground were different from the rest of the spirits as they would not reanimate back to life and attack others. They seemed to have fallen into a deep sleep forever.

"I have to complete the investigation twice before 10 p.m. After that, I can go back to the hotel and take my supper. I shall sleep after taking my bath." Lin Huang secretly planned.

At about 8 p.m, Lin Huang was finishing up the first round of investigation at the burial ground.

His Telekinesis penetrated through the gap of the remains and went 4,000 meters deep. However, he still did not manage to get to the deepest part of the burial ground. 4,000 meters was the maximum distance which Lin Huang's Telekinesis could reach to retrieve information in detail. It was not because his Telekinesis power could no longer be extended, but because there was a substantial decrease in his ability to control his Telekinesis and risked deteriorating the accuracy of the investigation.

Lin Huang was expecting to investigate with his Telekinesis in the first round whereby the investigation could be done precisely. If nothing was discovered, he would increase the depth of investigation in which his Telekinesis could reach. It would be fine if the investigation was not precise enough. If anything suspicious was found, he could use his Transformation Card, transforming himself into the Spectre and go underground for a more detailed investigation.

Since the first round of investigation was about to end, Lin Huang seemed disappointed.

He had scanned almost all the remains that were 4,000 meters beneath the ground. The performance of his oracle skill was at its peak as well. Observing all the skeletons that he could see with his eyes, there was nothing.

After a short while, Lin Huang's Telekinesis scanned through the last region of the burial ground.

It penetrated through the gap of the skeletons that were all piled up, resembling a spider web that scattered all around the underground world. His Telekinesis power went deeper and deeper through the gaps and extended thousands of meters away.

The underground world which was 4,000 meters deep was all revealed by Lin Huang's Telekinesis. Even if it was a granule of

sand, Lin Huang could clearly identify how many crystal surfaces it had.

However, despite being able to detect things so precisely, Lin Huang could not find anything.

After the first round of investigation, Lin Huang could hardly hide his disappointment. Although it was within his expectations, he was still unwilling to accept the truth.

"Never mind. I shall follow my original plan to carry out the second round of investigation. If I find nothing, I'll just go back to the hotel."

Lin Huang then turned back, getting ready for the second round of investigation. However, he saw a cliff not far away from him.

"The surface of the cliff is so smooth as if someone cut it out with a saber," Lin Huang mumbled. He then scanned it with his Telekinesis. However, after doing so, his Telekinesis disappeared as if it would never return.

"What's happening? Could the god's item be right there in the mountain?" Lin Huang's eyes brightened as he stared towards the cliff. He never thought he would stumble upon an unexpected discovery just by merely scanning the cliff for fun.

Chapter 773: The God's Item in the Mountain

Lin Huang could confirm that there was a treasure in the cliff since he had detected something strange with his Telekinesis. It could be the god's item that caused the weird phenomena to happen at the Cursed Land.

"It's highly possible that it's a spiritual god's item since it's capable of engulfing my Telekinesis power. In addition to that, its characteristic is similar to a legendary god's item's." Lin Huang looked at the cliff with excitement.

Since Telekinesis was a type of spiritual power, it would most probably be a spiritual item that could overwhelm his Telekinesis power.

He appeared at the bottom of the cliff in a flash. Lin Huang then pressed against the rock wall which had a rough surface and was similar to an ordinary mountain.

Again, he activated his ocular skill and carefully observed the cliff. However, he did not manage to find anything strange.

He attempted to detect with his Telekinesis, and again, as soon as his Telekinesis power reached the rock wall, it disappeared.

Since his ocular skill had been activated, Lin Huang could capture the energy waves that were created. They were completely transparent, and there was no force generated. Thanks to Lin Huang's ocular skill and his Boundless Vision, he could observe things beyond what the average eye could see. Otherwise, he might not have noticed it.

Lin Huang kept his Telekinesis activated while observing the cliff with his ocular skill.

Colorless waves spread wider and wider on the surface of the cliff which was where his Telekinesis power was in contact with the

cliff. It seemed like the waves tightly adhered to the surface of the cliff by an invisible isolation layer.

Again, Lin Huang extended his hands towards the cliff. The position that he touched was right at the core of the waves. However, what he felt was similar to touching an ordinary rock. He could even pick up the rough texture on the surface of the rock caused by the rain as if the isolation layer did not exist at all.

Lin Huang frowned. He fell into deep thought for a while, standing in his original position.

After several moments, he suddenly raised his hand up. His palm was shrouded in black Life Power, and he smashed into the center of the waves created on the cliff.

Bang!

It seemed to be an ordinary attack, but his power should never be underestimated. A gaping pit was formed on the surface of the cliff with a diameter of more than two meters.

"It doesn't have any defensive power. It seems like I made the right guess. It's an isolation layer with spirit. That's why it doesn't interfere with the substances on the surface of the cliff. It also explains why my palm can reach the rock and why my attack isn't blocked. The isolation layer has ignored all the interference effects that occurred on the surface of the cliff."

Lin Huang could then be more confident that there was something hidden in the mountain. Perhaps it was the spiritual god's item, according to the legend.

Upon the confirmation, Lin Huang then remained calm. He started thinking of ways to obtain the item.

It was named as a god's item not merely because of its grade. It was also because it had an instinct.

The instinct it had was completely different from that of some evil creatures which were influenced by negative emotions. A god's

item could think independently and even could learn. Its intelligence could be compared to a human's.

Even a baby would be on alert when encountering strangers, let alone the intelligent god's item.

There were two primary methods to capture the god's item.

The first method was to suppress and capture by force.

However, the captor had to meet a very high requirement in order to capture it with this method because the god's item would fight hard. The captor would have to be at least a Virtual God or even stronger.

The second method would be the influence method.

One would have to research the god's item's preference beforehand in order to persuade it and coax it to enter into a contract with humans voluntarily.

Lin Huang had not prepared for it before he came since he could not confirm if the god's item really did exist on this island. His main intention had been to obtain the cross-ranking rewards and scout around if there was anything he could discover.

He was not expecting himself to discover the legendary god's item by sheer luck.

"The god's item is hidden somewhere in the mountain. It's not easy to get it out of the mountain," Lin Huang thought to himself. Soon, he had a plan.

He took out a Transformation Card, transforming into Spectre after crushing it. He then squeezed his hand against the mountain.

However, Lin Huang's hand did not penetrate the mountain. Instead, he was blocked by the transparent isolation layer.

He felt a smooth and cold surface as he touched the isolation layer as if it was glass.

"So, it's true that the isolation layer only has effects on spirits.

Spirits like Spectre would become isolated." Since Spectre, who could normally pass through mountains, was being blocked, Lin Huang could not think of a better solution at the moment. "If it doesn't work, I guess I have to smash the entire mountain."

As soon as the thought ran through his mind, an immense attraction force acted towards his palm that was touching the surface of the isolation layer.

He wanted to retreat, but it was too late to do so. His body penetrated through the isolation layer in an instant and was being drawn into the mountain.

Lin Huang's body was steadily being dragged into the mountain by the immense force. No matter how hard he struggled against it, all his efforts were in vain. The force far exceeded his strength which was usually incomparable.

Despite returning to his own body from his spectral form, the immense force still did not let go of him. What was so strange about it was that although he was inside the mountain, his movement was not restricted. There was very little difference compared to when he was in his spectral form. It seemed like the rock and soil were not real and that they were just an illusion.

However, with his ocular skill, he could quickly confirm that it was not an illusion. He had thought that it was not real simply because his body was entirely wrapped by the force, isolating him from touching the substances.

After realizing that his struggle was in vain, Lin Huang completely gave up. He waited until the immense force dragged him to its final destination.

After a short while, Lin Huang could clearly feel that the force dragging him was weakening and he knew that they were reaching their destination.

At the moment when the immense power disappeared, Lin

Huang experienced a feeling of release. He immediately balanced himself and looked around, curious to know where he was.

He was stunned as he looked around.

"What's happening?" Lin Huang's eyes flew wide open.

He had been brought to a dimension with a starry sky, and he was in zero gravity as he floated in space.

Within his field of vision, the planets were so massive, making him feel insignificant.

Soon, he saw an enormous object approaching him at an incredibly fast speed. It was obviously not a planet. However, its size exceeded all the planets that Lin Huang had ever seen.

"A stone tablet?" Lin Huang gaped at the object in shock. He then quickly reacted. It must be the hidden god's item in the mountain.

Chapter 774: A Stone Tablet

In the quiet skies, the black stone tablet was so colossal to the point that it far exceeded the size of anything Lin Huang had ever seen. It was floating in the air, exuding an ancient aura. Apparently, it had existed even longer than the dimension itself.

Sensing the aura coming from the stone tablet, Lin Huang was reminded of the many memories that he had left behind. These were the memories from Earth before he started traveling. It was like a playback of a video in which he could recall each and every detail clearly. Even some of the once-blur memories were now like videos that had been recorded in high definition.

He heard the creaking of the wooden door in his old house clearly when it was pushed open gently. The thread that was even thinner than a strand of hair could clearly be seen on his mother's black turtleneck sweater. Also, he could count precisely how many ants had escaped the ant nest in which he had poured water into when he was young and mischievous. Even though he could not remember anything when he was a swaddled babe, he could now remember everything clearly.

"What's the stone tablet for? Its aura alone can affect my memory."

As the stone tablet came nearer to him, Lin Huang then saw that the surface of the stone tablet had been struck by meteorites countless times. The great pits created by the meteorites scattered around three-quarters of its surface. In addition to that, there were apparent cracks that had begun to spread around the pits. Some of the cracks were rather significant and apparent. Lin Huang looked into these cracks and discovered that they were endless abysses.

It seemed like the entire stone tablet was severely damaged. Based on the number of pits and the depth of the cracks, it was not easy to keep it whole without collapsing.

"I don't think that the crashing of the meteorites causes them. Since all the god's items have instincts, it would've activated its defense shield when it encounters a meteor crash. It wouldn't leave any traces on the stone tablet. In addition to the power of the god's item, only a certain amount of damage can be caused to the stone tablet when its defense shield is completely activated. Causing such damage to the stone tablet is impossible. It's most likely man-made creatures (including humans and monsters) who are capable of damaging a god's item to this extent. Moreover, only True Gods or those who are stronger must've managed to do so.

"Perhaps it's not an ordinary god's item. Despite having encountered damages to this extent, its power is still capable of covering the entire island that's more than a million square meters, and it's still casting curses."

The more he analyzed it, the more he felt that the god's item was out of the ordinary.

Seeing the stone tablet advancing in his direction, he felt insecure.

"I hope it's not coming after me!"

As that thought arose in Lin Huang's mind, he immediately retreated, attempting to flee from the stone tablet. Soon, he realized that the stone tablet had changed its path and it was still following him.

"It's really coming after me!"

Lin Huang's face became grave, and he changed his flying direction again. He turned around and again, he saw that the stone tablet had changed its direction as well, chasing after him. He made several attempts to alter his direction and each time, the stone tablet followed. It was still heading for him, and to his horror, it was getting closer to him.

Despite having activated his double acceleration and flying at his

maximum speed, he did not manage to distance himself from the stone tablet.

"I can't escape!" Lin Huang then resigned to his fate as he knew that his efforts would be in vain even if he continued to escape. He decided not to run away.

He crushed the Transformation Card, and his combat strength immediately leveled up from gold flame-level to immortal-level rank-4. He even had three spare Provisional Combat Strength Upgrade Cards in his left sleeve. He then grabbed the Air Slicer with his right hand.

He was floating in mid-air, facing the stone tablet head-on. He had a cold expression on his face as he braced himself to fight.

The giant black stone tablet moved forward, and soon, it approached Lin Huang.

Seeing that there were just merely hundreds of meters remaining, Lin Huang gathered the power of his sword skills, getting ready to attack.

All of a sudden, the stone tablet suddenly stopped moving and lingered in front of Lin Huang who was about 100 meters away.

Just as Lin Huang realized that something was amiss, a loud thud resembling the rumbling of thunder boomed.

"Human, there's something special about your soul."

Lin Huang froze, sizing up his surroundings with his Telekinesis. However, he found nothing.

He quickly regained his senses, fixing his gaze on the huge stone tablet. He then retreated hundreds of meters away, putting his guard up and staring in the direction where the stone tablet was with trepidation.

There was nothing there, and obviously, the voice was coming from the stone tablet.

"Don't panic. I have no bad intentions towards humans." The voice was heard again.

"Are you the stone tablet itself? Or is there a hidden creature in the stone tablet?" Lin Huang asked. "Since you have no bad intentions, why don't you reveal your true body and talk to me face-to-face?"

Lin Huang had seen many of the talking monsters after traveling to this world. However, apart from his Goldfinger Xiao Hei, he had never seen any other items that could talk.

That was why when he heard its voice for the first time, he did not think that it was the stone tablet that had spoken. Still, when he could not find anything, he could then tell that the voice was coming from the stone tablet. However, he could not confirm whether if it was the stone tablet or the creature inside the stone tablet that had spoken.

Lin Huang did not get an answer from it. After a moment of silence, he suddenly realized that the size of the stone tablet was decreasing drastically.

In less than ten seconds, the huge stone tablet that used to be larger than the stars had shrunk to a height of only three meters. At almost the same time, the same voice was heard again.

"Now, do you know who I am?"

The answer was clear. Lin Huang was startled as he stared at the stone tablet close to him. He could not imagine that the colossal item could have possibly reduced its size to this extent.

After a couple of moments, Lin Huang then recovered from his thoughts, but he was still alert. "You just said that you have no bad intentions towards humans. Why did you bring me here then?"

"Your soul releases an aura that strikes me as familiar." The stone tablet paused for a moment. "If I'm not mistaken, you're a traveler, aren't you?"

His heart plummeted when he heard this. For the first time, somebody managed to figure out his identity. Still, he maintained a neutral expression and did not answer its question.

"I'm sorry if I sounded rude. I haven't been talking to humans for a long time. My conversation skills have gotten rusty." The stone tablet then changed the topic. "Before asking you something personal, let me tell you about myself.

"My previous master is actually just like you. He's also a traveler. That's why the aura the both of you exude is somewhat similar. Also, I can clearly sense the Goldfinger's aura in your body because I used to be a Goldfinger too."

"You're also a Goldfinger?" Lin Huang was nervous. He could clearly remember what Xiao Hei had told him before about Goldfingers being able to subdue one another. He could also sense that the moment when he entered the dimension, Xiao Hei became quiet. When he used the Transformation Card, he did not receive any notification as well. Due to his anxiety, he neglected this earlier. As he recalled what had just happened, he believed that Xiao Hei might have sensed its existence and was forced to go into hiding.

Because it was severely damaged, if it managed to overthrow Xiao Hei, part of its casualties could be recovered. As the thought crossed his mind, Xiao Hei's face turned ghastly.

Noticing the changes in Lin Huang's facial expression, the stone tablet seemed to know what he was thinking.

"Don't worry. I'm not going to do anything to you and your Goldfinger. Taking over a 2-Star Authority Goldfinger isn't going to have any significant effect on my recovery. Moreover, it's in its complete form. If I were to engulf it, I might be putting myself at risk as it might devour me."

"A 2-Star Authority Goldfinger?" Lin Huang mumbled. He was doubtful as he remembered that Xiao Hei had actually leveled up

several times.

"You know nothing about its authority?" The stone tablet questioned. "It seems like your Goldfinger has a bad attitude."

"Hmm, it's still acceptable." Lin Huang immediately recalled back then when he just obtained Xiao Hei, the remarks he had received for his Exclusive Card had been awful for a long period of time. "Could you tell me more about that?"

"It's pretty simple. It's related to the host's life level. An ordinary person would normally have a 1-Star Authority Goldfinger whereas a transcendent's Goldfinger would be upgraded to 2-Star Authority. After becoming a God, one's Goldfinger would be upgraded to 3-Star Authority, and so on."

"So, do you mean that the notification we received from the system regarding the upgrade in authority isn't exactly an upgrade in the Goldfinger's Star Authority?" Lin Huang immediately asked.

"What you mean should be the upgrade in its functionality which includes functions unlocking and upgrading. It's the upgrade it obtains when it meets a certain requirement. It has nothing to do with the host's life level. The authority it has over the functionality and its Star Authority are two different things. However, each time the Star Authority levels up, some of the functions will be unlocked as well."

Lin Huang was suddenly enlightened after listening to the stone tablet's explanation.

"Can I ask you some other questions?" The stone tablet's explanation had given Lin Huang the courage to ask further.

"Shoot away. I'll try my best to answer."

"What's your Star Authority?" Lin Huang tried his luck.

"4-Star." The stone tablet did not try to hide anything from him.

"4-Star?! Does it mean that your previous master is even stronger

than a God?" Lin Huang was shocked.

"Yes, indeed. His ability ranks above of many powerful men."

"Is he dead?" Under normal circumstances, Goldfingers would never leave their masters. Since the stone tablet was here and was severely damaged, Lin Huang assumed something must have happened.

After a moment of silence, the stone tablet answered solemnly, "Yes."

"With his abilities and your help, how could he have died?" Lin Huang could not imagine how the stone tablet's master died.

"He offended a mighty enemy." The stone tablet was trying to avoid the question. Obviously, it was a topic that it did not want to talk about.

As Lin Huang realized this, he did not ask any further. He remained silent for a couple of moments, and soon, he changed the topic.

"Why do you want to bring me here? I don't think it's simply because the aura which my soul releases is similar to that of your master's."

Again, the stone tablet kept quiet. After several moments, it said, "Let me tell you the truth. The reason why I'm bringing you here is that I wish that you can become my host."

"Wait. You know that I can only have a contract with one Goldfinger, don't you?" Lin Huang frowned. Under normal circumstances, he would, of course, not mind having another Goldfinger. However, he could remember that the contract with the Goldfinger was unique and it would be impossible for him to sign another contract.

"That's simple. You just need to terminate the contract with your current Goldfinger."

Chapter 775: A Conversation with the Stone Tablet

"Since you know nothing about your Goldfinger, I can surmise that the attitude of your current Goldfinger is quite bad. It might not like you either. Considering that it's only a 2-Star Goldfinger, you still won't know whether it can level up to 3-or 4-Star.

"But I'm different. I'm a 4-Star Goldfinger. All the functionalities from 1-Star to 4-Star have already been activated. Despite my authority being restricted to only 2-Star after getting into a contract with you, I'll definitely be stronger than your current Goldfinger. If necessary, I can even activate my 3-Star Authority with some special skills to provide assistance to you.

"By the way, I forgot to tell you that I'm capable of dominating spirits. To be exact, my functions include engulfing, controlling, sealing, endowing with spirits, and more. If I may exaggerate, I possess many skills that spirits have. I was on Level-S when I was a beginner. It's a level with the most powerful functions."

"Level-S?" Lin Huang picked up yet another concept which he had never heard from Xiao Hei before.

"It's our initial grading quality," the stone tablet explained, "The lowest level would be Level-D, followed by C, B, A, and S."

"A Level-D Goldfinger basically has defects as some of them don't even have an instinct. However, some of the Level-D Goldfingers with acceptable functions might be assigned to some unlucky travelers.

"Most travelers will randomly be assigned a Level-C or Level-B Goldfinger. Less than 1% of them will get a level-A Goldfinger. It has been said that the probability of getting a Level-S Goldfinger is less than 0.0001.

"Since your Goldfinger is hiding this from you, ostensibly, it's

less likely to be a Level-A Goldfinger. If it's a Level-S Goldfinger, it's definitely going to brag about it. It won't keep quiet like this."

After understanding what the grading quality was all about, Lin Huang remained quiet. He was not considering the stone tablet's suggestion though. Instead, he was secretly guessing Xiao Hei's level.

After a couple of moments, the stone tablet then asked, "How's it? Have you made up your mind?"

"I'm sorry. I think Xiao Hei is great. I've been with it for several years, and I've gotten used to it. I'm not going to change." Lin Huang shook his head and rejected it.

"I don't really understand the logic behind this. I thought humans used to say 'The new should replace the old'?"

"Well, there's indeed a phrase like this. However, there's also a saying which goes 'Choose something that best suits your needs'." Lin Huang smiled, nodding his head. "The golden ax and the silver ax aren't as good as my iron ax. Perhaps you're much stronger than Xiao Hei, but I'm pretty satisfied with Xiao Hei's functions. I'm not going to change."

"You're a fascinating person," the stone tablet commented, "My previous master told me something like this before. People on the planet where he was born all strove to get the best car, the best house, the nicest clothing, the prettiest woman... Humans have always been doing things like that regardless of where they are.

"Humans have an endless desire like a bottomless dark pit. There are always more beautiful clothes, prettier women, and better cars in this world. If one were to endlessly chase after things like that, spending even a lifetime on that will not be enough for them.

"Perhaps giving what one desires can temporarily satisfy one's need. However, people tend to ask for more after feeling satisfied. They'll ask for more to have greater satisfaction and you'll need to

give more. In the end, you'll be devoured when you can no longer satisfy them."

Lin Huang shared, "This sounds like the concept of the ascetic cultivators. I've met those who only need a few essentials whereas the rest of the things are unnecessary to them. The clothes that they are wearing have patches everywhere, and they only eat once in a few years. The rest of the time, they survive by only drinking water. Even during their training sessions, they don't need external resources. What they rely on are constantly oppressing their bodies and the energy of their souls." What Lin Huang said reminded the stone tablet of the ascetic cultivators it had encountered.

"There's a big difference between the ascetic cultivators and me." Lin Huang roughly guessed that they must be similar to the ascetic monks on Earth. "The ascetic cultivators never strive for anything, but I will when there's the need to do so. I don't take whatever that doesn't belong to me, unlike the ascetic cultivators who refuse all worldly goods."

"So, do you think that I'm something that you shouldn't take?" The stone tablet asked when it heard what Lin Huang said.

"If I need to exchange Xiao Hei for you, I don't think that's what I should do." Lin Huang nodded. "Even if you're a 5-Star Goldfinger that's in perfect condition, I shouldn't take you as well."

"Should I say that you're dumb or that you're stubborn?" The stone tablet had no idea how to comment on Lin Huang.

"If I were to replace Xiao Hei with a Goldfinger that has more stars, I'd rather train Xiao Hei until it reaches 4-or 5-Stars. I believe Xiao Hei will be on par with the Goldfingers that are on the same level by then." Lin Huang had no idea where he got the courage to say words like that.

The stone tablet kept quiet for a long while before responding, "Xiao Hei is lucky to have met you."

"I think that I'm lucky to meet Xiao Hei though. Without Xiao Hei, I wouldn't have been able to survive in this world for even three months. Because of it, I'm still alive now." Lin Huang knew very well that without the Monster Card, Bai, he would not have passed the Reserve Hunter assessment. All credits should go to Xiao Hei.

"I hope that you'll appreciate it till the end..." The stone tablet sounded depressed. Lin Huang did not know if it was because it was thinking of its previous master. It stopped being emotional after a while and asked, "Human, I saw that you were digging the burial ground just now. What are you looking for?"

"The god's item," Lin Huang said. He then briefly told the stone tablet about the Cursed Land.

"I'm looking for a spiritual god's item that can store the Divine Fire in my body. I didn't manage to find any god's item, but I found you."

"How did you get a Life Fire of this level?" The stone tablet knew Lin Huang's body condition. "It's definitely a good thing to have a high-level Life Fire. However, you're in trouble now. None of the monsters' souls in this gravel world can withstand your Life Fire."

"I know. That's why I'm looking for a god's item or a god's relic with a spirit that can substitute the monster soul." Lin Huang was helpless.

"That's right. But there are only a small number of god's items and god's relics in the gravel world, let alone those with spirit." The stone tablet could understand the gravel world quite well. "I guess you won't be able to gather enough god's items and god's relics to level up to immortal-level rank-9 after tens of years."

"Do you have any ways to overcome my problem?" Lin Huang could vaguely feel that the stone tablet might have a solution.

"Yes, I do. But whether you want to use it or not depends on you."

The stone tablet smiled.

Chapter 776: The Deal Has Been Made

"What's that?" Lin Huang immediately asked.

"I've told you earlier that I've mastered many of the spirit secret skills." The stone tablet then explained, "I guess one of them can help you with your problem."

"Which skill is that?" Lin Huang asked skeptically.

"It's the Spirit Visualization skill." It did not explain any further.

"Do you mean that I could visualize the True God-level monster's soul with the Spirit Visualization skill, making it the container to store the Divine Fire in my body?" After listening to the stone tablet's terse answer, Lin Huang immediately understood what it meant.

Lin Huang knew a little about the Spirit Visualization skill. It was a talent that was usually used to visualize a particular object, and his body could imitate the corresponding monster's soul. The visualized object could be the monster's skeleton, the monster's remains, a statue, a portrait, and more. However, the difficulty level of cultivating a skill like this was extremely high. Also, it had a very high requirement of one's comprehension and intelligence, without which, it would be difficult to even master the regular visualization skill, let alone the True God-level one.

"Yeah, you're right. Are you interested in giving it a try?" The stone tablet tempted.

"What would it cost?" Lin Huang knew very well that the price for the skill to visualize the True God-level monster soul would come at a huge cost. It was impossible that the stone tablet would give it to him for free.

After raising his question, the stone tablet remained silent for a moment. Lin Huang did not urge it to answer though. He patiently waited for its reply instead.

After a couple of moments, the stone tablet seemed to have made up its mind. "I want to create a clone and keep it in your body."

Lin Huang frowned when he heard what it said. If he allowed the stone tablet to enter his body, it would know many of his secrets. What it asked for had surpassed what his tolerance level.

"I'm not interested in knowing your personal issues. However, my real body is trapped in the burial ground. There's only one way to leave, which is to look for a new host. Since you don't agree with becoming my new host, I'm not forcing you to do so. I just wish that you can bring along my clone when you leave. Then, I'll get to access the outside world through my clone, and it'll be easier for me to look for a new host."

The stone tablet knew what Lin Huang was concerned about. In fact, all the travelers who owned a Goldfinger would have the same concern. "I can create a shield imprint that blocks my clone from reaching your secrets. You don't need to worry about me having access to your personal matters then."

Right this moment, Xiao Hei's voice was suddenly heard. "Just promise it!"

"Are you sure?" Lin Huang was stunned and immediately contacted Xiao Hei through his mind.

"You can promise the stone tablet, but you have to request for something. I don't feel secure if it were to create its own shield..."

After communicating with Xiao Hei, Lin Huang accepted its suggestion.

"Alright, I promise you, but I have a request," Lin Huang stated what he had just discussed with Xiao Hei, "I don't need you to create a shield imprint. I just need your clone to be a 2-Star Goldfinger."

"That's not a problem. With my current ability, I've only managed to create a 3-Star clone, and it's going to consume quite a

large portion of my power. To find a new host, a 2-Star Goldfinger is sufficient." The stone tablet immediately agreed with him. "I'll pass you the skill first."

After finishing its words, a golden glow appeared and penetrated right between Lin Huang's brows.

"The visualization skill is named the True Spirit Guide. There are 183 portraits of true spiritual monsters which are True God-level monsters. There are descriptions of various types of monsters in the guide. Choose whichever you like. After visualizing it, the embryo of the monster's soul will be formed in the form of a monster egg. The spiritual power that you need to fill has to be at least equivalent to the strength of the Demigod's soul in order to hatch the monster egg. Of course, it's not necessary for you to kill a Demigod-level monster. You can also kill a large number of monsters with low combat strength in order to accumulate their spiritual power."

"Although the monster egg's combat strength is only on Demigod-level after hatching, the soul itself is still on True God-level. It's not going to be afraid of the Divine Fire in your body, and it'll be sufficient for you to use it as a container for your Divine Fire."

As the stone tablet explained the circumstances, Lin Huang quickly skimmed through the True Spirit Guide. He could then confirm that the skill would work for him.

"Alright, you can create your clone now."

"Wait a moment." Upon getting the confirmation from Lin Huang, the size of the stone tablet expanded rapidly. In just a few seconds, it recovered to its initial size, transforming into a massive object that was even bigger than the stars.

After returning to its original form, a shadow slowly left the stone tablet like its spirit was freeing itself from the physical body. The overlapping images seemed unreal.

As time passed, the shadow gradually withdrew itself from the body of the stone tablet, and the number of overlapping images was getting lesser and lesser. It took about five minutes to leave the stone tablet completely. It looked exactly like the stone tablet, but it was somewhat similar to a virtual projection as it was semi-transparent.

After leaving its body, the size of the shadow diminished quickly. After a short while, its size reduced from the colossal size of the stone tablet to only three meters tall. However, it did not stop shrinking. Lin Huang was shocked to witness it rapidly shrinking to the size of a palm.

The huge stone tablet had now become a token in the shape of a tombstone. It gradually floated in front of Lin Huang.

"The clone only has the basic functions of a 2-Star Goldfinger. The authority to use the functions are open to you. However, if you were to use it, you have to pay for it with an equal amount of spiritual power." Lin Huang did not expect the stone tablet to give him the authority to use the functions. It was already deemed a fair exchange to use the functions at an equal value since he could not use Xiao Hei's functions for free either.

"In order for it to work conveniently, I've granted it consciousness, and it has inherited most of my memory. It can be considered a semi-finished 2-Star Goldfinger. I hope that both of you can get along with each other happily."

After the stone tablet finished its sentence, the clone flew around Lin Huang's body and soon, it transformed into a golden glow and went right between Lin Huang's brows.

Lin Huang immediately inspected the world within his body. After the clone had entered its body, it circled around in his body. It noticed the existence of Xiao Hei, but it did not provoke it. Instead, it moved away and kept a certain distance from Xiao Hei. It then landed.

After settling down, the body of the stone tablet's clone began to expand. However, it stopped changing in size after growing to the size of an ordinary planet. Lin Huang noticed that it was different from how it had looked like when it was in its shadow form. The stone tablet's clone looked like a tangible object now.

Lin Huang then felt relieved.

Seeing that Lin Huang had recovered from his thoughts, the stone tablet then said, "Since the deal has been done, I'll send you out if you don't have any other questions."

Lin Huang gazed upon the sky, keeping quiet for a moment and finally, he asked out of curiosity, "Where's this place? How did you manage to bring me here? Is it a teleportation dimension?"

"The dimension doesn't really exist. It's a spiritual world. I didn't drag your body over. It was your soul instead. Your body is still right in front of the cliff," the stone tablet explained.

"Why can't you leave then? I remember that Xiao Hei told me before that once the host dies, the Goldfinger will be recalled and reassigned," Lin Huang continued.

"The soul of my previous host isn't completely dead. The contract between us hasn't been terminated as well. It has become a contract without a host whereby one party no longer has an instinct."

The stone tablet further explained, "Just when the spiritual world was being created, my host integrated his soul with this world. Simply because of the remaining soul, the contract between us can't be terminated. The spiritual world has since become a prison for me. The only way to leave this place is to look for a new host and enter a new contract so the current contract can be replaced."

"I understand. I'll try my best to look for a new host for you," Lin Huang promised.

Chapter 777: Can't Afford Anything

At the safety zone of Division 3, foothold No. 3A5, Wanbao City.

A young man was sleeping soundlessly in the top management room of a luxurious hotel. The Emperor's Heart Ring on his left hand suddenly vibrated.

"Who is it?"

The young man reluctantly tapped the communication page of his Emperor's Heart Ring open having been disturbed from his slumber. After identifying who the person who called him was, he hesitated for a while, but he still ended up accepting the person's video call with a frown.

"I can finally reach you!" A beautiful lady with long legs appeared and soon, she realized that the person she called was lying in bed. It seemed like he did not want to get up from bed at all. "Lin Huang, why are you still sleeping? What's the time now?"

"Sis, do you know that we're not in the same time zone? It's not even 5 a.m. here..." Lin Huang slightly shifted the camera. Dawn was breaking, and the sun had not even risen yet.

"Eh, I forgot. It's about 11 a.m. here, and it's lunchtime soon." Yi Yeyu then recalled that they were in different time zones. Then, she said confidently, "So are you trying to say that I'm disturbing your sleep? Why don't you just ignore my call?"

"Don't you know that you're an expert at calling incessantly?" Lin Huang sighed helplessly. This was the main reason why Lin Huang had not chosen to ignore her call.

It seemed like she could not refute. She then rolled her eyes at Lin Huang and changed the topic. "I couldn't seem to reach you at all yesterday. Did you really go to the Cursed Land in Division 3?"

"Yeah, I disabled the communication function." Lin Huang nodded his head.

Under normal circumstances, most people would decide to disable the communication function while exploring the danger zones temporarily. This was to avoid getting themselves from getting into trouble by receiving calls from others when they were in danger or when they had to hide.

Of course, Lin Huang had done the same as the place he had gone to was the Cursed Land.

"So, the videos and photos that you posted on your social media were taken in the Cursed Land?" Yi Yeyu asked.

"Yes. Why?" Lin Huang felt that Yi Yeyu's facial expression seemed weird.

"No... Nothing." After uttering her words, she realized that Lin Huang was staring at her quietly. She then told him the truth grudgingly, "I've shared your videos and photos on my social media. My friends shared them as well. It ended up getting more than 800,000 shares and approximately a billion views. The videos and photos are trending on a few of the social media platforms right now."

"Many of them said that they must visit the place in the video at least once in their lifetime." Yi Yeyu's voice became softer and softer.

Lin Huang did not expect that the photos and videos that he had randomly captured would become the latest social media trend.

Remaining silent for a while, Lin Huang then asked, "Did you tell them it's the Cursed Land?"

They would die if they were to enter forbidden areas like the Cursed Land randomly. He was worried that if Yi Yeyu revealed the location, those who were still weak would die there.

"No, I didn't. I just said that a friend of mine took the photos and videos in Division 3 and that I'm not sure about its exact location. I was wondering whether you were joking when you said you're

going to visit the Cursed Land. Even then, I'm afraid that some of the dumbasses might go there and seek for death after I tell them the location." Yi Yeyu immediately shook her head. Although she would make silly mistakes, she would still consider the consequences when dealing with a serious issue.

"That's great." Lin Huang felt relieved.

"It's just been a day, and the videos and photos have become viral. I'm afraid that they'll be widespread on social media in the future. I guess many of the travel companies are going to seize the opportunity, offering tour packages to Division 3." Yi Yeyu forced a smile.

"That's good as one gains knowledge when they travel. Just don't go to the dangerous spots. Most of the places in Division 3 are actually considered safe." Lin Huang did not mind at all. It had nothing to do with him as long as the tourists did not go to the forbidden land.

"Oh yeah, I almost forgot to tell you this." Yi Yeyu suddenly recalled why she had called Lin Huang. "My brother has just leveled up to immortal-level a few days ago. My family is going to send him to Division 3 for training. He's going to leave tomorrow early in the morning. I heard that his first destination is at Wanbao City which is situated in the grade-A foothold. Recently, they've organized an auction over there. You can go and have a look and ask him out for lunch."

Lin Huang knew that Yi Yeyu was worried about Yi Zheng since he was alone and was unfamiliar with the place. He then promised her, "I'm at Wanbao City now. Ask him to call me once he reaches."

"Thanks!"

After dealing with the important stuff, both of them chatted casually for a while until Yi Yeyu's housekeeper started urging her to go for lunch. She then hung up the phone.

The time projected by Lin Huang's Emperor's Heart Ring was about 6 a.m. now. Both of them had been on the phone for nearly an hour.

"Yi Zheng has leveled up to immortal-level. Perhaps he's one of the youngest people who managed to get to immortal-level in Division 7." When Lin Huang was still on white flame-level, Yi Zheng had already gotten to purple flame-level. Lin Huang did not feel surprised that he had managed to achieve immortal-level. He was not even 25 years of age but was already an immortal-level. The boy was a genius.

"The Yi family is sending their eldest grandson to Division 3 for training. They're really strict."

Lin Huang was impressed by how they trained the younger generation. At least, the Yi family had their very own way of training. Many others who came from smaller royal families would be unable to compare to them.

Yi Yeyu had awoken Lin Huang early in the morning. He wanted to sleep for a little longer as he had been swamped over the past few days and did not get to sleep well. However, he could no longer fall asleep after tossing and turning in the bed for a while. He had no choice but to get up.

After taking his shower, he changed his clothes and went downstairs for breakfast. Instead of going out to paint the town red, he went back to his hotel room.

He was not a homebody, but the reason why he came to Wanbao City was not to go on a vacation.

Lin Huan had rushed back to Wanbao City as soon as he returned from the Cursed Land because he wanted to attend the auction which Yi Yeyu had just mentioned.

On the sofa in the living room, he browsed through the auction website and began looking at the items.

There was a variety of items being sold. However, there were only a few photos and a brief description of each of the item. The prices were not mentioned at all.

"There are a total of 273 items. The auction will officially start three days later, but I can't afford anything now." Lin Huang forced a smile helplessly. When he had upgraded to gold flame-level in the Cursed Land, the True God-level Life Fire had almost engulfed all his Life Crystals. He could not afford to place a bid on almost all the items displayed on the website, let alone buy them.

"After the auction has ended, there'll be an underground auction that sells illegal items. I heard that they have God Crashers this time. I've no idea if that's true."

The God Crasher was the reason why Lin Huang came to Wanbao City.

Chapter 778: A Way to Make Money

Among the six God Crashers that Lin Huang had, five were completely destroyed during the battle with the evil spirit. Absolutely nothing was left. The last God Crasher he had was severely damaged and could only be used as a decoration now.

He had lost his trump card. Therefore, when he heard about the news of the God Crashers, he immediately rushed to Wanbao City.

Upon arriving at Wanbao City, Lin Huang found out that he was facing a severe problem – he had no money!

The Divine Fire in his body had engulfed all his Life Crystals. He might not even be able to afford an ordinary item, let alone the God Crashers for sale at the underground auction.

"The 33rd edition of the God Crasher is the latest model which the Union Government is selling at 280 million Life Crystals. It'll be priced at 350 million Life Crystals or more at the underground auction. Even the rest of the older models that have become obsolete are going to cost me more than 80 million Life Crystals. The 28th edition of the God Crasher that experiences deteriorating performance used to fetch 230 million Life Crystals on average at the underground auction," he thought to himself.

The reason why the 28th edition of the God Crasher was expensive was simply that it was the most successfully modified model of the third generation God Crasher.

Everybody knew that the third generation God Crasher was the most powerful one and that its only limitation was that it could only be used ten times.

According to the test data, the 28th edition of the God Crasher managed to achieve 82% more power than the third generation one. It was known to be one of the best versions of the third generation God Crashers. In addition to that, new materials had

been used to replace the old ones, solving the problem that occurred due to the restriction imposed on the number of usages.

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The God Crasher was actually a failed product.

It was once a hot-selling item when it was first launched. However, after the problem of the distortion in its barrel was revealed, the new generation of God Crashers rapidly replaced it.

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As a result, many of the top gun masters flaunted their abilities, comparing the number of usages between one another. Moreover, these gun masters would usually place a bid for this model of the God Crasher at the auction.

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Lin Huang had considered borrowing money from Yi Zheng, but he dismissed the thought quickly. There would surely be something that Yi Zheng wanted to buy at the auction. If he were

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Chapter 779: I'm Logging in to Collect Points

The 55th checkpoint on the Stairway Tree was the fourth human gathering point. When Lin Huang was still a blue flame-level, he had almost given his all to reach this checkpoint.

He had not logged into his account for about two months and had never used the points he collected. However, he was still ranked first on the leaderboard.

All the members of the Genius Union could see the name who ranked first on the leaderboard light up the second Lin Huang logged in.

All of a sudden, the Genius Union that had gone quiet for almost a month became active.

"He disappeared for two months, and now, Lin Xie has finally logged in!"

"I wonder if Lin Xie is going to collect more points this round!"

"Do you think that he's still on the 21st checkpoint? Starting from the 56th checkpoint right until the 60th checkpoint, the monsters on any of these levels will be on immortal-level rank-7 to rank-9. Lin Xie's combat strength is only on blue flame-level regardless of how strong he is. Do you think that a blue flame-level is capable of dealing with the monster horde that consists of immortal-level rank-7 to rank-9s with ease?"

"You're right. Although two months have passed and he has leveled up to purple flame-level, it's less likely that he's capable of doing so."

Of course, Lin Huang had no idea that the people were discussing him. After logging into the Genius Union, he did not dive headfirst into the challenge. He headed directly towards the foothold of the Heaven Alliance.

The 55th checkpoint on the Stairway Tree was one of the

checkpoints with the most intense competition among all other organizations because most of their combat strength was on immortal-level rank-7 to rank-9. There were many formidable challengers there. Despite the challengers on the 63rd checkpoint being much stronger, the number of challengers on that checkpoint was less than a hundredth of those on the 55th checkpoint.

On the 55th checkpoint of the Stairway Tree, the number of members from the Heaven Alliance alone had exceeded 1,500. Of course, the Heaven Alliance was the organization with the most number of challengers on this checkpoint. The Hong Alliance ranked second, and the number of challengers who lingered at this checkpoint was more than 900. There were about 800 members from the Tang Alliance that took third place.

There were a total of 268 genius organizations in the Genius Union. As one reached the 55th checkpoint, it was pretty easy to determine who the strong and the weak ones were.

Those that managed to get into the first echelon would, of course, be the Heaven Alliance, the Hong Alliance, the Tang Alliance, and the Divine Alliance. They had more than 500 members on the 55th checkpoint. 11 organizations got into the second echelon, and they had more than 100 members on the 55th checkpoint. The number of challengers was slightly higher at the third echelon as there were about 50 of them. There were more than 20 of them who managed to reach the 55th checkpoint. Next would be the fourth echelon with only a few of them who were capable of getting to the 55th checkpoint. It was the echelon with the most members -- about 180 of them. Lastly, it would be the genius organizations that occupied the lowest level in the hierarchy. None of the members managed to reach the 55th checkpoint, and there were about ten such organizations.

Of course, the Heaven Alliance was known to be the strongest genius organization in the Genius Union, not because of the

number of people they had. Most importantly, it was because of the existence of the dominant challengers.

Excluding Lin Huang, there were 18 supreme geniuses from the Heaven Alliance, 15 of whom were on immortal-level rank-9. The other three were on immortal-level rank-7 or rank-8. Their abilities were sufficient to kill an imperial-level.

Despite the Hong Alliance ranking second based on their overall abilities, they only had 12 supreme geniuses. There were only 7 of them who were on immortal-level rank-9 which was less than half the number from the Heaven Alliance. As for the Tang Alliance and the Divine Alliance, the number of supreme genius they had was much lesser; there were less than ten of them.

Simply because the Heaven Alliance had completely revealed how powerful it was on the 55th checkpoint, most people no longer dared to offend the members.

This was different from what had happened on the previous checkpoints whereby the challengers from the Divine Alliance dared to provoke them as the latter did not seem to be much weaker than the Heaven Alliance's members.

As Lin Huang walked towards the foothold of the Heaven Alliance, he encountered challengers from various genius organizations.

He was mentally prepared to be challenged, but nothing happened at all. Many people were watching him, and each of them saluted him with their glances. None of them came to block his way.

"Could they have given up on challenging me as they know that I've used up all the points and there's nothing they can get from me?" Lin Huang guessed.

In fact, the truth was that the Heaven Alliance was immensely powerful on the 55th checkpoint.

The Heaven Alliance had the most number of people at this checkpoint, occupying the three largest branches on the Stairway Tree. Three immortal-level members guarded the three footholds.

Lin Huang was walking on the first branch where the reception of the Heaven Alliance was.

Earlier, he had logged out as soon as he reached the 55th checkpoint, so he had never been to the Heaven Alliance's foothold on this checkpoint. Of course, he had to meet them now since he was here.

In just a short while, Lin Huang arrived at the bubble leaf where the reception was. The building could be clearly seen through the semi-transparent white bubble.

After confirming that he was at the right place, Lin Huang took a step forward and pressed his palm against the surface of the bubble.

A couple of moments later, a small door that was about two meters tall was activated, and Lin Huang strode towards it.

The moment as he entered the dimension of the leaf, a tall and young lady welcomed him.

"Mr. Lin, please come with me."

Lin Huang was stunned, but he immediately followed her.

"Did you guys know that I was coming?"

"Yes, we knew right after you logged into the Genius Union. Soon after, you headed towards the Heaven Alliance's foothold. The Surveillance Mosquito captured it," she said while sizing Lin Huang up.

"Where are you bringing me to?" Lin Huang could roughly guess the answer, but he wanted to verify it.

"To meet the guardians." The lady's answer was as he expected.

The guardians were the three immortal-level rank-9 supreme

geniuses on the 55th checkpoint. Each of them guarded one foothold on the 55th checkpoint, hence they were called the guardians.

"Who's the guardian here?" Aside from Chan Dou, Lin Huang had no idea what the names of the rest of the supreme genius were. He heeded no attention to information like this.

"It's Master Feng Yi."

"Feng Yi?" Lin Huang knew nothing about this person.

The lady kept quiet after that and did not explain any further.

Lin Huang did not bother to ask as well since there would be no difference regardless of who the guardian was.

After a short while, Lin Huang followed the lady, and the both of them arrived at a door.

"You may enter..." It seemed like the lady had something else to say, but she ended up keeping mum.

Lin Huang frowned as he noticed this and he pushed the door open.

As he entered, Lin Huang realized that the room was small with an area of less than 30 square meters. There was a towering book cabinet along the wall and a sturdy man who had his back facing him. He was standing in front of the book cabinet as if he was looking for something.

"Have a seat," the man said without turning his head around as if he heard Lin Huang's entrance.

Lin Huang did not say anything as he sat down on the sofa placed on the side of the room.

After several moments, the man took a book from the book rack and turned around. He then put the book on his desk and started studying Lin Huang.

After studying him, Feng Yi then said without any facial

expression, "Lin Xie, let us know if there's anything you need from us. Chan Dou has told us all about you." Nobody could ascertain if he were pleased or upset by his voice.

Lin Huang thought that he would make small talk with him first. Unexpectedly, he was so straightforward.

"Let me be frank with you. I need the complete details for the levels after the 55th checkpoint, including the information after the 63rd checkpoint," Lin Huang told him his real intention.

Feng Yi frowned but soon, he maintained a neutral expression.

"I can send you the information starting from the 55th to the 63rd checkpoints. As for the information after the 63rd checkpoint, only the chief and the deputy chief have the authority to send that to you. I don't have sufficient authority over that."

"It's okay. I'll have the details from the 55th to the 63rd checkpoints then. I'm not urgently in need of the information after checkpoint 63. I'll get it from the chief later on when I'm free." Lin Huang nodded.

He was not surprised. Many organizations treated the information about the Stairway Tree after checkpoint 55 as private and confidential. The information for the checkpoints after checkpoint 63 would, of course, be top secret.

"I've sent you the information. It belongs to the Heaven Alliance's internal database. You're not allowed to reveal it to others or send it to the rest of the Heaven Alliance's members that are below the 55th checkpoint. You have to keep it with you. Of course, the document itself has been protected. You aren't granted any authority to forward it to others."

Feng Yi had solid multi-tasking skills. Before Lin Huang could even finish his words, the file had already been sent.

"He's really an impetuous fellow," Lin Huang thought to himself.

"Is there anything else that you need?" Feng Yi asked.

"No, thank you!" Lin Huang shook his head, getting up from the sofa as he was about to leave.

As he took a few steps forward and was about to reach the door, Feng Yi's voice was suddenly heard coming from the back.

"Are you coming back to attempt the 63rd checkpoint?"

Lin Huang stopped, turning around and looking at Feng Yi. "No, I'm not. I'm logging in to collect points, but I'll try and see how far I can go at the next login."

Chapter 780: Secret Forest

The 55th checkpoint on the Stairway Tree was not only a human gathering point. It was also a lush forest.

Perhaps people would see moss and fungus growing on a regular tree, but that was not what one could see growing on the trees at checkpoint 55.

Standing on the base of the branches of the Stairway Tree at checkpoint 55, Lin Huang lifted his head, gazing at the trunk on top of him. The large tree trunk was now entirely covered by the ancient forest. The roots of the big tree penetrated deep into the bark of the Stairway Tree.

There were also various types of wildflowers that grew from the bark. Lin Huang was surprised by what he just saw.

After climbing more than 50 checkpoints on the Stairway Tree, Lin Huang knew how hard the bark of the Stairway Tree was. He was unable to damage the bark despite attacking it with all he had. He even doubted if the Stairway Tree itself was something that could be destroyed in the virtual world.

Naturally, he was surprised when he saw the grass that grew from the bark of the Stairway Tree.

"I guess this is the Secret Forest..." Lin Huang studied the forest curiously. He had briefly browsed through the information provided by Feng Yi and knew that the 55th checkpoint on the Stairway Tree would not be as simple as he thought.

The unique thing about the Secret Forest on the 55th checkpoint was not the flowers on the tree branches. What drew the people's attention were the special rules imposed on this level.

All the creatures that entered the Secret Forest, be it humans like Lin Huang or monsters that were used to staying on the Stairway Tree, experienced shrinking. Their body sizes would be reduced to

a thousandth of their original size. That being said, if a person as tall as two meters entered the forest, that person's height would instantly be reduced to two millimeters. The decrease in size would happen to all relics and equipment that one had, including one's clothing, shoes, Emperor's Heart Ring and more; there were no exceptions.

The shrinking effect caused the climbing route that was initially 10,000 meters long to shorten to 1,000 meters.

One was unable to fly on the Stairway Tree, and teleportation was prohibited from being activated. They could only climb with their hands and feet, and the terrifying gravitational force completely restricted their traveling speed. Even people like Chan Dao, who was capable of killing an imperial-level, had his traveling speed completely suppressed to the point that he was now slower than a transcendent. His traveling speed would no faster than an ordinary cultivator with a golden Life Wheel, let alone Lin Huang's.

With his body that had been reduced to a size that was 1,000 times smaller, Lin Huang knew that it would take him at least three days to complete the climb that was 10,000 meters long without any rest and without encountering any obstacles.

"It will take me at least three days to complete the climb with this reduced body size. However, the auction would have started three days later." Lin Huang grinned. "Luckily, I have my own transportation. Thanks to the Mighty Ape's size, despite being reduced 1,000 times smaller, it can complete the climb in less than a day if it doesn't face any obstacles. Let's get to the 56th checkpoint today. I need to meet Yi Zheng tomorrow morning, then I can start collecting points tomorrow night."

"Herculean King!"

Lin Huang crushed the card in his hand and the Mighty Ape was summoned, accompanied by a low growl.

The Mighty Ape, which was now an immortal-level rank-4, was more than 400 meters tall, resembling a small mountain.

Lin Huang leaped on the Mighty Ape's shoulder in a flash, pointing towards the leafy forest. "Go through the forest as fast as you can!"

The Mighty Ape bounded and entered the Secret Forest.

At almost the same time as it entered the forest, Lin Huang and its body shrunk to 1/1000 of their original size.

Lin Huang felt nothing strange during the entire process. The only thing he felt was that everything in front of him became much larger all of a sudden.

The Mighty Ape was slightly startled. It had no idea what was happening.

Sensing that the Mighty Ape was stunned, Lin Huang patted its neck reassuringly. "Don't worry. It's the rule of this region to make us 1,000 times smaller. We'll be able to return to our original size after getting out of this forest."

The Mighty Ape nodded its head as it heard what Lin Huang said. It regained its initial excitement from when it had been summoned and quickly scaled upwards.

The 400-meter tall Mighty Ape shrank to only 40 centimeters following the rules of the forest, turning from King Kong into a humble monkey.

However, the changes did not have a significant effect on the Mighty Ape's movement. Its diminished body size enabled it to be more agile when passing through the tree branches.

It loped through the trees at a breakneck speed. Sometimes, it held onto the tree branches to swing from branch to branch and leaped from tree to tree. As it familiarized itself with the forest, its movement became smoother, and its speed got faster and faster.

Lin Huang felt that the decision to summon the Mighty Ape was absolutely spot-on. However, he was still very alert towards his surroundings. His territorial and telekinetic powers covered a four-kilometers radius around him. The sword that he was holding in his right hand never left him.

Apart from the remaining monsters in the Secret Forest that could be dangerous, there were some perilous plants as well. Some of their skills were rather destructive, and they could kill an immortal-level rank-9 in an instant.

"Herculean King, stop!" Lin Huang suddenly yelled.

The Mighty Ape immediately stopped moving forward, grasping onto a tree branch with one of its arms. It then turned its head back, staring at Lin Huang doubtfully.

"There are Witch Petals in front of us. The region that it covers isn't that big. Let's cross that area from the right." Lin Huang's facial expression was stern as he looked towards the front.

He had sensed the existence of the Witch Petals with his telekinetic power. It was a type of demonic plant with enchantment power, and it was talented at casting enchantments on creatures that approached it, causing the creatures to commit suicide. Subsequently, the corpses would be used as its nutrients.

The combat level of the Witch Petals was not high and basically ranged from immortal-levels rank-1 to rank-3. The enchantment effect of a single plant could only deceive those who were on immortal-levels rank-4 to rank-6.

However, the enchantment effect of the plant could be multiplied. The effect might not be strong when it came to one or two plants, but it could be a huge nightmare when there were thousands of Witch Petals. They were capable of getting an imperial-level into that terrifying state of dreamland.

There were more than 8,000 Witch Petals in front of them.

Fortunately, Lin Huang realized that in time. He could not tell if he could get out of the dreamland if the Herculean King brought him there.

Despite the Mighty Ape not having any idea what the Witch Petal was, it would definitely obey Lin Huang's instructions.

After turning right and moving a certain distance away from the Witch Petals, Lin Huang then allowed the Mighty Ape to turn back as soon as he could confirm that they had left the region covered by the Witch Petals. They then headed towards the Secret Forest.

Thanks to Lin Huang's telekinesis, the human and the monster managed to avoid the perils around them several times.

After spending the entire afternoon, the Mighty Ape had completed half the journey with Lin Huang on its back.

"At this speed, we'll be able to pass through the Secret Forest before 4 p.m., and we'll soon arrive at the 56th checkpoint."

Chapter 781: Hornet's Nest

In the Secret Forest, Lin Huang's body had shrunk to a size of fewer than two millimeters tall. Everything seemed so massive to him.

Lin Huang felt that even an ordinary palm-sized leaf could be compared to a huge dome. Trees in the Secret Forest were like towering cliffs that nobody could pass through.

Fortunately, his combat strength and telekinetic power were not affected. The region detected by his Territory skill and his Divine Telekinesis were not restricted as well. He could still detect what was within a 4,000-meter radius and take great advantage of it. Under such circumstances in which all the creatures were shrunk, the coverage of his detection was expanded to 1,000 times larger. This allowed him to travel without obstacles and avoid danger.

Of course, Lin Huang did not bypass all the obstacles. Most of the time, he would choose to fight through it, going through all the obstacles in the shortest possible time. Only when he encountered monsters like the Witch Petals or obstacles that were rather troublesome or regions that he could hardly get through in a short period of time, he would ask the Mighty Ape for help to make it through these areas.

Standing on the Mighty Ape's shoulder, Lin Huang suddenly warned, "There's a hornet nest not far away from us. Let's prepare for a fight."

Roar!

The Mighty Ape let out a low growl, slowing down its crawling speed, and was on alert.

After a short while, Lin Huang then detected the hornet nest with his Divine Telekinesis.

The black hornet nest was not very large. It was approximately the size of two human fists and was hanging on one of the tree branches.

However, the hornet nest was extremely huge to Lin Huang in his condition. Each of the hornets that were flying around the nest was a few times larger than him. Some of them were even ten times larger than Lin Huang.

"The Combat Hornetdemon is on the 56th checkpoint for real. Perhaps it's the remaining Combat Hornetdemons on the 55th checkpoint that built these hives after the monster horde. Fortunately, the hornet nest became much smaller since the Combat Hornetdemons shrank. There should be less than 20,000 Combat Hornetdemons in the hive."

Combat Hornetdemons were monsters on the 56th checkpoint. Their nests were everywhere on the 56th checkpoint of the Stairway Tree.

Combat Hornetdemons were demons that liked confrontation. They had powerful territorial awareness, killing any creatures that attempted to invade their territory.

Their combat strength normally ranged from immortal-level rank-7 to rank-9. Their personal abilities were not that strong, but they were not afraid of death, and they liked to gather in a swarm and were venomous.

Contact with their venom resulted in pain and itching. The poison would spread quickly throughout a person's body. Black pustules would grow non-stop, and the fluid inside was contagious, and the infection could spread to others. The venom would only work on the surface of the skin in the beginning. However, after more than 24 hours, it would penetrate through the flesh and burrow deep into the organs after 36 hours. Even the brain would be infected. Eventually, the infected person would then die.

There was a slight difference in the composition of the venom in

each of the Combat Hornetdemon's body. However, the venom could work in multiple doses.

If an immortal-level rank-9 was injected with a Combat Hornetdemon's venom, the person could only survive for, at most, 40 hours. If a second shot were given to this person by a second Combat Hornetdemon, the destructive effect would be multiplied and the time for it to take effect would be reduced by half. This meant that this person could only live for a maximum of 20 hours. If this person were stung by a third Combat Hornetdemon, the venomous effect would be even worse. Of course, the person's physique had to be able to support the multiplier effect of the poison. Most immortal-levels would die as they could not take it after getting poisoned by more than three Combat Hornetdemons.

Most imperial-levels would avoid places with a large swarm of Combat Hornetdemons. This was also the reason why they did not want to offend monsters like this. The venom of a Combat Hornetdemon seemed to have no effect on an imperial-level. However, if seven or eight Combat Hornetdemons attacked one, the imperial-level would be poisoned due to the multiplier effect of the venom. Since the number of poison multiplier was high, they would still die.

Seeing the hornet nest from afar, even the Mighty Ape, who was usually not afraid of anything, stopped moving forward. Although it could not recognize the Combat Hornetdemons, it could still sense that the monster was threatening.

"Since we've encountered the Combat Hornetdemons here, it's time to try a few of the hunting skills that I've previously thought of," Lin Huang mumbled, "Charcoal's dragon flames can restrict the Combat Hornetdemon's venom; Bai's Vampire Particles can be an excellent defense against the Combat Hornetdemon's attack. Because of Tyrant's defenses and its physique, it has no fear of the Combat Hornetdemon's poison. Lancelot's Dark Mirror can perfectly guard against the Combat Hornetdemon's attack. Its

Saber Dao Territory and Sword Manipulation are good skills to attack with. Kylie's Lightning Control can be a counter to the negative effects and should be effective for the demonized poison while the Ghastly Clown's telekinetic power and illusion skill are good for fighting in a group. The Eclipse Boa's engulfment ability has no fear of the poison as well. There are also two fiends with advanced-level bloodlines (The witch is now with Lin Xin)."

Although the Mighty Ape that had gone through its third mutation was not weak, its ability was still weaker than Bai and the rest. It was not suitable to fight a venomous monster like the Combat Hornetdemon.

"This fight is not yours to take up. Get some rest first. We'll continue our journey later."

After recalling the Mighty Ape, Lin Huang then crushed the monster cards. Charcoal, Bai, Tyrant and the rest were summoned, and they appeared in front of Lin Huang.

"The plants..." Bai frowned. Charcoal and the rest noticed that the plants over there were strange as well.

"There are some special rules imposed in this forest. All creatures that enter, including local creatures, will be 1,000 times smaller," Lin Huang explained briefly and immediately got back to his main point. "The reason why I summoned all of you today is to kill the Combat Hornetdemons. Bloody will be in charge of the battle."

After briefly describing his plan, Bloody then projected the Combat Hornetdemon's information.

Bloody did not directly join the fight. He was in charge of strategizing the entire battle to maximize everyone's efficiency to kill. Parasitism would not work on creatures with a combat strength higher than Bloody's. It was currently on immortal-level rank-4 while the weakest Combat Hornetdemon was on immortal-level rank-7. If its combat strength were not restricted, Bloody could fight all the Combat Hornetdemons alone regardless of how

many of them there were.

"This is just a warm-up battle. There's only a small number of Combat Hornetdemons. I hope that all of you can try your best to follow Bloody's plan, killing the monsters at the highest efficiency. The number of enemies will be hundreds of times larger during the fight on the 56th checkpoint. It'll be much more difficult. Not all of you are immune to the Combat Hornetdemon's poison, but I hope not to see any injuries," Lin Huang glanced at the Supreme Overlord as he said. He was not worried about the rest, but the Clown was quite a character.

Seeing Lin Huang looking at it, the Supreme Overlord stuck its tongue out, flashing a funny face.

Lin Huang then let Bloody take over the conversation. Bloody began distributing the work to each of them.

After a short while, Bloody was done assigning tasks to them.

"Alright, let the slaughter begin!"

Lin Huang raised his hand up, pointing towards the hornet's nest from afar. Before he could finish his words, Bai and the rest had already headed towards the hive.

Chapter 782: A One-Sided Fight

There were ten monster cards, and Bloody was there to be in charge of what went on behind the scenes.

Kylie, who was in her black armor, flapped the 12 pairs of black wings on her back and in the next moment, she arrived right in front of the hornet's nest.

Despite her flying abilities being restricted by the rules of the Stairway Tree and her speed being affected by her size, her short-distance flight was still the fastest among all the other monster cards. Even Thunder could not compare to her.

Before everyone else arrived, Kylie picked up her spear. A razor-like, purple electric glow sparked on her black spear.

As soon as the tip of the spear was flung out, a few of the Combat Hornetdemons were engulfed by the purple electric glow and instantly turned into ashes.

Just as Kylie attacked, the Combat Hornetdemons flapped their wings and surrounded Kylie. Many of the Combat Hornetdemons in the nest could sense the energy generated outside the hive. They immediately gushed out of the hornet nest, and Kylie was besieged on all sides.

Just before Kylie got entangled in an intense battle, Bai then joined the fight.

In its black robe with its 12 pairs of wings on its back too, Bai was a sight to behold. Its wings were made of Vampire Particles which were utterly blood red in color. Compared to Kylie's wings, Bai's wings were more like a weapon that possessed a terrifying ability to slice and kill.

As soon as Bai joined the battle, it was surrounded by another swarm of Combat Hornetdemons.

However, it had no fear at all. Its killing speed was even faster

than Kylie's. Transforming its Vampire Particles into sharp blades or thorns, dead bodies of Combat Hornetdemons fell wherever its wings sliced through.

Soon after, Bai's attack had lured a large number of Combat Hornetdemons away, and Kylie's side of the battle had become less stressful.

Before the swarm of hornets surrounded the both of them, Charcoal and the rest struck.

As Lin Huang had leveled up to gold flame-level, Charcoal's combat strength was upgraded to immortal-level rank-4. It was now 4,000 meters tall. Despite the fact that its body was compressed to thousands of times smaller, it still stood at a staggering height of four meters. Charcoal was considered huge compared to the Combat Hornetdemons which were only about two centimeters tall.

As it opened its mouth, black dragon flames gushed out of its mouth and enveloped the massive swarm of hornets. Its speed was even faster than Bai's.

Not far away from Charcoal, Tyrant crushed the swarm of hornets like a tank. Although its body was less than a tenth of the Combat Hornetdemon's, each attack it rained managed to kill the monsters. As Tyrant struck a heavy blow on the Combat Hornetdemons, they exploded without him having to make a second attack.

Tyrant had never released its body after feeling the Celestial Giant's bloodline in his body. Its body had always been only about 2.5 meters tall all the while. Even Lin Huang had no idea how huge it could truly be.

Typically, the size of a giant could reach thousands of meters tall, and its body could be as large as a king sea monster or a super gigantic monster. An adult could grow more than 10,000 meters tall.

However, Lin Huang knew nothing about the Celestial Giant.

Not much information was passed down from the ancient times. He had referred to many of the information sources in the Martial Hunter College, but he found nothing about the Celestial Giant.

According to what Tyrant told him from the memories it had inherited, the body of the most powerful Celestial Giant during the ancient times was comparable to a galaxy. It was a tremendously powerful and terrifying creature.

Although Lin Huang had never seen Tyrant's real body before, he guessed that even if it was not a Celestial Giant with pure blood, it would not be any smaller than a king sea monster or the supreme giant.

Lin Huang was pumped up when he saw Tyrant's attack strike right into the Combat Hornetdemon's body.

Lancelot, the Ghastly Clown, and the rest of them were incredible. The one-sided slaughter began as soon as they got into the fight with the swarm of hornets.

In fact, the combat strength of Bai and the others were only 4-stars. Since they were immortal-level monsters that had gone through three mutations, they were capable of engaging in a battle to fight enemies that were two levels higher than themselves. In addition to that, the God's Blood creatures, the fiends, and the Celestial Giant had an enchantment effect on their blood. Even if it were only beginner-level enchanted blood, it could fight enemies that were a level higher, let alone Bai and the rest who now had advanced-level blood power. They were only one step away from getting the pure blood whereby they could then fight enemies that were three levels higher easily.

Although their combat strength was only on immortal-level rank-4, the addition of their combat strengths resulted in their abilities being on par with an immortal-level rank-9. Besides, Lin Huang would train them when he was free, and he would

occasionally teach them something related to martial arts. As long as they did not encounter a supreme genius, they were capable of handling enemies below imperial-level.

The Combat Hornetdemon was only an ordinary double mutated monster and did not possess enchanted blood. Even if their combat strength was on immortal-level rank-9, they could definitely not fight Bai and the rest. Despite there being a large number of Combat Hornetdemons, they could not harm Bai and the rest.

The fight was a one-sided massacre. The horrifying Combat Hornetdemons were like helpless little lambs in front of them as they had no way of fighting back at all.

Bloody, who was in charge of the entire battle, did not give any instructions mid-way at all. At the beginning of the fight, Bloody issued some brief instructions and distributed the work among them. They then did the work on their own.

Bai and the rest knew each other's abilities very well, and they had great teamwork.

It took them more than half an hour to defeat more than 10,000 Combat Hornetdemons.

Just as Lin Huang was about to recall them back into their card forms, he heard Bloody's voice. He nodded after listening to what Bloody said, gathering Bai and the rest. "Your overall performance is quite good, but there are some minor problems. Bloody, please explain to them."

Bloody nodded and stood out from the rest. It then called out their names.

"Ghastly, I know that your fighting style tends to be lazier, but I hope that you can change your attitude in the following battles. You're only using about 20% of what you've got to protect yourself. You relied on the others to kill the enemies, and it's kind of irresponsible as a team member. Luckily, you didn't slow us down.

Otherwise, I'd have asked Master to expel you."

Lin Huang frowned, looking at Ghastly. It was the one with the worst attitude among all his monsters.

"I actually think that the rest of you were capable of handling them. That's why I didn't help out. Since you're telling me this, I'll take it more seriously next time." The Supreme Overlord shrugged its shoulders, worried that Lin Huang might not summon it anymore.

Bloody caught a glimpse of the Supreme Overlord and did not say anything else, shifting its gaze towards Bai.

"Bai, you went too deep into the monster horde. Your physique isn't completely immune to the Combat Hornetdemon's attack like Tyrant. Although the defenses of your Vampire Particles is quite good, I guess you'll still collapse if you're attacked by tens of the immortal-level rank-9 Combat Hornetdemons."

"I'd suggest you not to go too deep into the battle. Try to reduce the number of enemies that you need to deal with at any one point in time. According to the control you have over your Vampire Particles, fighting 12 enemies at the same time will be ideal. There won't be a significant increase in your efficiency if you were to fight more enemies. There'll be only a 20% increase in your efficiency at the most. Therefore, as soon as you make it through the monster horde, it's unnecessary to fight 20 to 30 monsters at the same time. You should make sure that you're fighting at the best efficiency instead of the highest killing rate. The latter will cause you to make mistakes more easily. In the following battles, we'll fight in a team. If any of you happen to collapse, the pressure faced by the rest of us will increase. I hope that you're not the one that collapses."

"Got it." Bai accepted its comment.

Bloody nodded its head and shifted its gaze towards Kylie.

"Kylie, I know that you're pretty strong on your own. However, I wish that you can do better when you fight in a team. Instead of simply killing the monsters, you can actually have better control of the fight by unleashing your Lightning Control. Attacking with lightning reduces the number of monsters the rest of the team members will encounter, and it'll be much easier for them to handle the monsters. Moreover, the number of monsters killed in this way might not be lesser than what your number from directly killing them."

Kylie did not refute and nodded her head, expressing that she understood what Bloody was trying to say.

Bloody then pointed out each of their shortcomings and suggested ways to improve. All of them accepted his suggestions.

After recalling all the monster cards, Lin Huang looked towards the hornet's nest hanging on the tree branch and grinned. "The Combat Hornetdemon's honey is fantastic stuff. Selling it together with the hive will be worth even more!"

Lin Huang then appeared at the bottom of the hornet's nest in a flash. He took out his combat sword and hacked at the nest for about seven minutes before storing it in his storage space.

After putting the hive away, he summoned the Mighty Ape again and quickly climbed towards the forest.

Chapter 783: The 56th Checkpoint on the Stairway Tree

The second half of the journey in the Secret Forest went smoothly.

It was not because the challenges on the 55th checkpoint were easy. Instead, Lin Huang had taken significant advantage of the situation as the capabilities of his Territorial skill and his Divine Telekinesis were not suppressed, allowing him to avoid the danger.

The Mighty Ape carried Lin Huang along and was guided by him. They did not encounter any obstacles on their way.

At about 4 p.m., the both of them finally passed through the Secret Forest.

The moment when the Mighty Ape swung through the Secret Forest from one of the tree branches, Lin Huang's facial expression changed. Before recovering to its original body size, he instantly recalled the Mighty Ape back into its card form.

The next second, he returned to his original state.

As he landed on the ground, he crouched down and hid in the bushes. He restrained his aura, studying the object that had caused him to turn grave through the gaps between the grass blades.

It was a massive hornet nest that was black. It was less than 300 meters away from where he was hiding.

After analyzing it for a couple of moments with his Divine Telekinesis, Lin Huang was relieved. "Oh, it's just an abandoned hornet nest. It scared me!"

The reason why he had recalled the Mighty Ape was that he had spotted the horrifying hive at first glance. If the Mighty Ape returned to its original body size, it would definitely become the Combat Hornetdemon's target within such a short distance.

Fortunately, the hornet nest was abandoned. Lin Huang was relieved when his Divine Telekinesis detected that there was no Combat Hornetdemon in the nest.

The abandoned hive could actually do no harm to Lin Huang, but he simply did not like to attack passively.

Instead of being attacked by a swarm of Combat Hornetdemons the moment he entered the 56th checkpoint, he would prefer to be the one who started the fight once he was ready so that he would be on the winning side.

Shifting his gaze away from the abandoned hornet nest, Lin Huang began to sense what was happening within the region covered by his Territory skill. He combed through the area with his telekinetic skill as well, overlapping with the area covered by his Territory skill. He could sense anything that was within a four-kilometer radius as if he was monitoring everything from God's perspective. He could even see what each Combat Hornetdemon was doing through the exterior of the nest.

"The hornet nests are densely distributed. There are 13 hives within a four-kilometer radius. Except for the one that's nearest to me, there are Combat Hornetdemons gathered in the rest of the nests." Lin Huang stood up, activating his Ocular skill, and headed towards the nests that he had just detected. In fact, all 13 hornet nests were clearly visible.

However, Lin Huang knew very well that he would not be discovered easily because the 56th checkpoint was somewhat similar to the 55th whereby the both of the checkpoints were rich with flora. As long as he hunched his body a little, he could hide in the bushes.

Confirming that he was temporarily safe, Lin Huang then summoned Bloody.

Bloody saw the hornet nest not far away from him as soon as it was summoned. Just as it was getting ready to fight, Lin Huang's

voice was heard.

"Don't worry. It's an abandoned hornet nest."

"Is this the 56th checkpoint?" Bloody observed for a while, realizing that not a single Combat Hornetdemon was found near the hive. Only then did it begin to let its guard down.

"Yes, it is. I need you to check the distribution of the hornet nests. After locating the hornet queen, please check if there are any hornet guardians on security patrol." Since the area that could be detected by Lin Huang was very limited, he needed help from Bloody's Leech Pods in order to expand the area to monitor their whereabouts.

The hornet guardians he mentioned were directly under the hornet queen. They were triple mutated Combat Hornetdemons as well as having a combat strength of immortal-level rank-9. They were brutal and had the courage to fight even if they encountered an imperial-level despite not being able to fight them. However, if three hornet guardians were to fight together, they were capable of dealing with an imperial-level face-to-face.

As for the hornet queen, she dominated the hornets. The queen bred hornets and hornet guardians. Under normal circumstances, the hornet queen would not leave their nest or fight. It was said that the hornet queen would only give birth to a new generation and had no ability to fight. Somebody had also once said that the hornet queen actually possessed remarkably terrifying abilities and surpassed the abilities of the hornet guardians. However, she would not easily engage in a fight.

Of course, there were also the ordinary hornets which were what Lin Huang encountered in the Secret Forest. Their combat strength ranged from immortal-levels rank-7 to rank-9, and they were double mutated monsters.

After instructing Bloody, Lin Huang appeared at the bottom of the abandoned hornet nest in a flash. He raised his head and

carefully observed the hive.

The lotus-shaped hive looked like a dried lotus from which its seeds had been extracted. The only difference was that it was slightly bigger. From the front, the hornet nest had a diameter of about 150 meters long, resembling a small hill. However, Lin Huang felt like it did not seem as large as the one that had hung from the tree branch in the Secret Forest. He was actually right. If the hive in the forest was magnified 1,000 times more massive, its diameter from the front should be approximately 300 meters. The diameter was double of what he saw now, and its volume was about eight times more.

Although there was no honey in the hive, the value of a complete hornet nest would be comparable to an ancient relic. Aside from being highly valuable, many insects liked to stay there. Imperial Censors who owned insects as pet monsters would be more than happy to pay a high price for it. Besides, after the hornet nest had decomposed, a rare constituent could be extracted for detoxification purposes. The extracted compound could be used to make an expensive broad-spectrum antidote which was effective for 80% of the known poisons.

Despite Lin Huang being really eager to store the hornet nest in his storage space, he decided to put that idea on hold.

The nest was too huge. If it disappeared, perhaps the other 12 hornet nests would find out that something was wrong. The rest of the nests within 20 kilometers would realize that something was off.

Suppressing his desire to take the hornet nest away, Lin Huang sat down quietly and patiently waited for the detection analysis from Bloody.

After about half an hour, Bloody finally opened its eyes.

"The hornet queen's nest is very far away from us. It's 1,000 kilometers away. Also, I can't detect any hornet guardians leaving

the hornet queen's nest and patrolling."

"What about humans?" Lin Huang asked. He did not want anyone to see him summoning ten monsters at the same time.

"Two humans are trying to level up. The one who's closest to us is about 350 kilometers away."

After getting the updates from Bloody, Lin Huang grinned.

"Since the hornet queen and the hornet guardians have shut themselves up, and the human who's nearest to us is also 300 kilometers away, this is undoubtedly the best time to collect points."

"Xiao Hei, summon Bai, Tyrant, Charcoal ... Lancelot!"

After finishing his words, Bai, Tyrant and the rest of the monsters appeared right in front of Lin Huang at almost the same time.

It took Bloody about half an hour to delegate the tasks to them. Bloody then repeatedly reminded them about a few of the things that they had to be aware of. After making sure that there was no other issue, it then nodded its head at Lin Huang.

"Are you ready?" Lin Huang gazed at each and every one of them.

"I'm ready!" Bai and the rest answered confidently.

"Begin the massacre!"

After receiving Lin Huang's order, Bai and the rest rapidly headed towards the first hornet nest.

Chapter 784: A Sudden Rise in Points

The only tip the Heaven Alliance could give anyone to break through the 56th checkpoint was: get through it in one sitting!

It was as simple as that because the hornet nests on this checkpoint were densely distributed. There was a nest for about every 1,000 meters. Most of the areas with hornet nest overlapped one another. There was no safe route where they could actually avoid fighting the Combat Hornetdemons. Therefore, getting through the checkpoint in one sitting could significantly reduce the chances of encountering the Combat Hornetdemons.

However, Lin Huang's main intention was not to get through the checkpoint. Instead, he wanted to collect points.

At this moment, he was engaged in a tough battle as what he intended to do was different from the rest.

"Bloody, the first wave of reinforcement is arriving. There are eight hornet nests that have joined the reinforcement. The eight reinforcements have at least 2,000 of them and probably 4,000 at the most," Lin Huang whispered to Bloody, sharing what he observed according to the discovery of his Divine Telekinesis.

In less than a minute after Bai and the rest began to clear the first hornet nest, a few of the hives nearby discovered that there was a battle going on and immediately sent reinforcements.

Lin Huang was not surprised though as he knew earlier that it was only natural of the Combat Hornetdemons to do so.

On the 56th checkpoint, all the Combat Hornetdemons were the future generations of the hornet queen. Although they were living in different hives, they did not classify themselves according to the different nests but followed the entire hornet group instead. Realizing that one of the nests was being attacked, they would immediately send reinforcements to defend against the enemies.

In the beginning, the hives would send about a tenth of the total number of Combat Hornetdemons in the nests as back-up.

If the reinforcements were unable to help the besieged hornet nest, the second wave of Combat Hornetdemons reinforcements would swarm out, leaving only about 10% of the Combat Hornetdemons to guard their home nest. The rest of the Combat Hornetdemons would join the army, fighting the invaders at full strength.

Apparently, they understood that mutual dependence was needed for survival. Once the hornet nest nearby was being attacked, it indicated that their hive would soon be attacked.

Therefore, before their nest was attacked, sending reinforcements to kill all the invaders was the most cautious solution to get rid of the danger.

Unfortunately, the hornets were going up against Lin Huang and the rest.

"Ghastly, your task is to create chaos, activating an illusion to cover a wide area. Walk around the entire battleground and try your best to set the Combat Hornetdemons up.

"Lancelot, activate Sword Manipulation with extensive coverage. Each attack doesn't necessary have to kill. Causing severe injuries is good enough.

"Kylie, you are the fastest. Assist Lancelot and hit the Combat Hornetdemons that haven't died after being attacked by Lancelot's Sword Manipulation."

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Bai and the rest that were led by Bloody launched a one-sided massacre.

Lin Huang's Stairway points increased tremendously.

He initially had about 24 million points when he was ranked first

on the leaderboard. When he entered the Secret Forest and encountered the first hornet nest, his points had exceeded 60 million within half an hour.

The points were now increasing at an even terrifying rate.

60 million, 70 million, 80 million...

Just as the sky was turning dark, Lin Huang's points had exceeded 200 million.

Nobody had ever racked up points like that before, and it immediately became a hot topic among the members of the Stairway Tree who were now online.

"Is there something wrong with the system!? He has accumulated 200 million points in just a day!"

"If there's nothing wrong with the system, it means that even the Stairway Tree system can't detect when Lin Xie is cheating!"

"I'm saddened by Lin Huang's cheating. He has broken the rules of the Stairway Tree and has even violated the fairness and justice of the leaderboard on the Stairway Tree. He has disregarded everyone's else efforts. What I wanted to say is, bro, please count me in!"

There were only a small number of people who believed that Lin Huang had collected the points with his own ability.

"The monster with the highest combat strength on the 21st checkpoint is on immortal-level rank-4. Killing each of the monsters can only earn 80 points. Lin Xie managed to accumulate eight million points in one night. He's now on the 56th checkpoint where the monster with the weakest combat strength is on immortal-level rank-7. He'll gain 640 points by killing such a monster. He can even obtain 2,560 points for killing an immortal-level rank-9. It's not impossible to accumulate 200 million points in a day."

"If anyone else collected 200 million points in a day, I'd have

thought that the person was cheating, but Lin Xie might have gotten the points with his own capabilities. He's incredible."

Lin Huang knew nothing about their comments. He was busy fighting the Combat Hornetdemons.

Many of them believed that Lin Huang had cheated because even people like Chan Dou would not want to offend the Combat Hornetdemons.

There were at least 20,000 Combat Hornetdemons in a regular hive. Although Chan Dou was strong, he did not have a monstrous physique like Tyrant and the rest. Furthermore, he was not immune to poison like Kylie. He could only deal with about 3,000 Combat Hornetdemons at the same time. He might die if he were to handle more than 3,000 Combat Hornetdemons. It was impossible for him to kill hundreds of thousands of Combat Hornetdemons in a single afternoon.

The reason why Lin Huang had managed to wipe out the hornets with ten summoning monsters was that the monsters that he had chosen were capable of controlling the Combat Hornetdemons to a certain extent. In addition to the bloodlines they possessed and the distribution of work almost being perfect, he could fight the Combat Hornetdemons with ease.

Of course, if Lin Huang were to fight them alone, he would be unable to collect points in this way.

At about 6.30p.m., the sky was turning dark.

"It's getting darker, and the monsters on the Stairway Tree are coming out to hunt for food," Bloody whispered to Lin Huang, "If we were to continue collecting points, we're not only going to face the Combat Hornetdemons. Two other types of monsters are way more powerful. We won't encounter monster hordes like this by then. It's going to be a massive monster horde consisting of tens of millions of monsters."

As the sky turned dark, the Stairway Tree would be a paradise for the monsters. All the monsters above checkpoint 55 and below checkpoint 66 would head over to the human gathering point on checkpoint 55.

"I'd suggest to exit first and continue tomorrow," Bloody added.

Lin Huang frowned, stroking his chin. Soon, he made up his mind and said, "The auction will begin three days later. I'm going to meet Yi Zheng tomorrow, so I guess I don't have much time left tomorrow. If I were to give up collecting points at night when there'll be monster hordes, I only have one day left..."

"I guess we can give it a try even though it's riskier at night. We can go back to the Secret Forest since it's rather spacious over there. When the monster horde appears, they'll become smaller in size. The monsters will scatter all over the place, and we can take advantage of that to hide. If the outcome of the detection happens to be undesirable, I'll recall all of you back into your card forms right away and log out of the Genius Union."

Chapter 785: Guerrilla

At about 7 p.m., the sky was pitch black.

All the monsters on the Stairway Tree looked like they had consumed stimulants as they got ready to hunt for food.

On each of the checkpoints with monsters, a variety of creatures headed towards the human gathering point.

There were three checkpoints with monsters between checkpoints 55 and 63, namely checkpoints 56, 58, and 61.

The monsters that occupied checkpoint 56 were the venomous Combat Hornetdemon. They lived in a large swarm and were extremely difficult to handle.

The Mutated Serpent, a unique snake monster, occupied checkpoint 58. Almost all Mutated Serpents would go through a genetic mutation when they were young, causing each of them to be different from one another. Some of them were huge, some of them could release venom, some of them were terribly fast, while some of them could even control the elements. Even twins would be utterly different from each other after the mutation.

As for checkpoint 61, it was occupied by the Luna Beast. The Luna Beast was a type of monster with long ears, looking somewhat like a rabbit. It had red fur all over its body, fangs, and sharp claws which looked like the cat's claws. Its body was usually two to three meters long. It had explosive power and speed, and at the same time, it possessed immense strength. It had a very powerful defensive ability and was adept at close-range attacks. It could also absorb moonlight, going on a rampage whereby its combat strength would be multiplied.

All three types of monsters were not easy to handle. Still, Lin Huang decided to fight the monster hordes.

Just as Lin Huang returned to the Secret Forest on checkpoint 55

along with Bloody and the rest while waiting for the arrival of the monster hordes, the people at the gathering point on checkpoint 55 started discussing when they saw that Lin Huang's name was still lit up on the leaderboard.

"The sky has turned dark, and the monster hordes are arriving. Has Lin Xie not logged out yet?"

"According to the points he has just gained, he must be on checkpoint 56. He hasn't returned to the gathering point yet. Could it be that he wants to fight the monster hordes on his own?"

"He must've cheated. Why didn't he come back and fight the monster hordes with us? He didn't want us to see him cheating!"

The people from Heaven Alliance soon noticed that something was wrong.

"What's Lin Huang doing? The monster hordes are arriving, and he's still there to collect points?"

"Perhaps he's surrounded by the hornets and is unable to get rid of them."

"If he dies, he's going to have to bear the loss. He'll lose half the points from the 200 million points that he just gained."

As the creatures from the outside entered the Secret Forest on the 55th checkpoint of the Stairway Tree, their bodies would be reduced 1,000 times smaller. Lin Huang and the rest had many places to hide like behind the grass, the flowers or even the splits in the bark. This made their hunting much more convenient.

At that moment, Lin Huang and the rest were hiding in one of the bark fissures, patiently waiting for the monster hordes to appear.

At about 7.20 p.m., the sky had turned completely dark. Lin Huang knew that the monster hordes would come very soon.

After almost half an hour, Lin Huang heard a buzzing sound from

far away. The sound was fast approaching.

"It's the Combat Hornetdemon. It seems like after their body size has been reduced, they scattered everywhere. There aren't many hornets, less than 50,000 of them. I guess they're from the same hive." Lin Huang could tell what was happening a few kilometers away with his Divine Telekinesis. "No other monster hordes are discovered so far within the area covered by my detection. However, we need to be fast. The monster hordes behind will catch up soon."

"Let's get ready to fight and give your all. Try to kill all the enemies at the fastest speed possible. After killing the hornets, we've got to move."

Bloody had discussed with Lin Huang earlier that it was not practical to launch a frontal attack on the monster hordes that consisted of tens of thousands of monsters. Therefore, they planned to launch guerrilla attacks according to the topography of the Secret Forest. They would move after the fight and try to get rid of the monsters.

"I'll be aware of what's happening out there. If there's any monster horde that approaches us, I'll judge whether if it's going to be harmful to us. If it is, I'll recall of you back into your card forms whether or not the hornets have been cleared. I'll then leave the battleground immediately. The same goes for the rest of the battles." Lin Huang and Bloody whispered to each other and came up with a strategy.

Bai and the rest had no objections. They clearly knew that their abilities were far from being capable of handling all the monster hordes.

After a short while, the hornets appeared in front of Lin Huang and the rest.

"Fight!"

Bai and the rest immediately rushed towards the hornets after receiving the instruction from Bloody.

Charcoal had returned to its original size. Despite it being reduced to 1,000 times smaller, it still looked gigantic at about four meters tall.

Black dragon flames gushed out as it opened its mouth. The hornets fled.

It was not easy to put the flames out once the dragon flames tainted them. Charcoal was a high-level dragonkin. With its dragon flames, even an imperial-level would not dare to offend it. Perhaps even the chief of the Heaven Alliance, Chan Dou, would not want to get tainted by the dragon flames.

Lancelot had fully activated its Sword Manipulation as well. Thousands of black swords accompanied by powerful sword intent penetrated through the swarm of hornets like swimming fish. If it were not on immortal-level rank-4 with its ability being restricted, perhaps it could fight the hornets with ease.

Bai's attack was like an artistic performance. No extra movements were needed. As it flowed, it managed to cut a few of the Combat Hornetdemons into half without a second attack. Despite it only being on immortal-level rank-4, encountering the immortal-level rank-9 Combat Hornetdemons, the fight was like slicing vegetables to it.

Ghastly was probably the most relaxed one compared to the rest. He made it through the Combat Hornetdemons leisurely, creating chaos wherever he passed. Not only could they not see Ghastly at all, but they had also gone insane and even attacked each other.

Other than Bai and the rest, even Lin Huang joined the fight so that they could get rid of the swarm of hornets as soon as possible.

Three supreme telekinetic weapons and thousands of telekinetic flying daggers whistled in the air. Controlled by his Divine

Telekinesis, they penetrated through the Combat Hornetdemons' bodies.

Lin Huang was unable to dominate the ancient telekinetic weapons without using the Transformation Card. Despite the fact that the power of his flying daggers was much weaker than before, they were capable of killing the immortal-level rank-7s and rank-8s. Even if he could not kill the immortal-level rank-9s in one hit, the monster would be severely injured, and it would be much more convenient for Kylie and the rest to kill.

The battle lasted for about 20 minutes before it ended. Before completely obliterating the Combat Hornetdemons, Lin Huang suddenly raised his head and frowned, looking towards the border of the forest.

"Luna Beast?!"

Using his Divine Telekinesis, he could see that at the crossing point of checkpoints 55 and 56, a large number of Luna Beasts were heading towards the Secret Forest.

Chapter 786: Outstanding Bait

"Please hurry. The Luna Beast is entering the Secret Forest," Lin Huang immediately informed Bloody and the rest just as he detected.

"Don't worry. We're 3.3 kilometers away from the border of the forest. Under normal circumstances, the Luna Beast can travel a distance of three to four kilometers in a blink of an eye. However, since they'll be compressed to a thousandth of their usual size, the Luna Beast will need at least 40 minutes to reach here." Bloody felt that they had sufficient time to fight.

"I know, but it'll be better for us to get rid of the hornets as soon as possible. The more time we have, the better we can prepare ourselves." Lin Huang nodded. "The Luna Beasts are actually much stronger than the Combat Hornetdemons. Apart from that, there are more of them than the Combat Hornetdemons. At least 50,000 of them to be more precise. If we don't have any plan and were to fight them face-to-face, perhaps it'll be difficult for us to clear all of them."

"That's true," Bloody agreed with what Lin Huang said.

Although the ability of the Luna Beasts would be slightly weaker than that of the hornet guardians, they were much stronger than the ordinary Combat Hornetdemons. Even if it did not go on a rampage, a Luna Beast was capable of fighting three Combat Hornetdemons. If it did go on a rampage, one Luna Beast could fight ten Combat Hornetdemons. In addition to their strong defenses, killing them would be much more difficult than killing the Combat Hornetdemon.

"I'm thinking to ask the Clown to set several traps. However, it'll need some time to set those traps up. 40 to 50 minutes might not be enough for it," Lin Huang revealed his plan. However, he could not confirm whether if his plan could achieve the desired outcome.

"Do you have any better suggestions?"

"Your plan is too time-consuming. Besides, if Ghastly were to set a large number of traps, the damage caused will be limited. If Ghastly were an immortal-level rank-9, it could easily kill the Luna Beasts. He's now only an immortal-level rank-4." Bloody immediately scrapped the plan and gave its own suggestion. "It doesn't have to be so troublesome. There are many dangerous places in the Secret Forest. We've avoided all those areas, and it's time to make good use of it now."

"We can actually lure the monster hordes to those places. Right after their strength has been drained, we can then capture all at once."

"Do you think that the Luna Beasts will be tricked?" Lin Huang was still worried.

"The Luna Beasts aren't smart, and they're monsters that are all brawn and no brains. As long as we try to bait them, they'll bite," Bloody said confidently.

"Bait?" Lin Huang frowned when he heard what Bloody said.

Bloody did not continue talking, shifting its gaze towards Kylie who was attacking the hornets instead.

Lin Huang immediately understood what Bloody's plan was and kept quiet.

"Only Thunder and her speed can compare to that of the Luna Beasts'. Aside from their speed, the Luna Beasts possess terrifying explosive power within short distances. They can even go on a rampage so that their speed can be multiplied. She is more suitable than Thunder to be bait." Still, Bloody did not mention Kylie's name.

Lin Huang remained silent as usual. Regardless of how fast Kylie's speed was, it would be risky for her to be the bait alone. She would be surrounded by the monster hordes even if only a small

mistake was made. She would be ripped into pieces by tens of thousands of Luna Beasts. Moreover, if she were to lure the Luna Beasts to the danger zone, she had to enter the danger zone as well.

"I'll be the bait." Kylie appeared in front of the both of them all of a sudden. What she said had clearly expressed herself.

Bloody had not secretly contacted Kylie. Instead, she had heard the conversation between the both of them. Seeing Lin Huang's indecision, she then spoke out.

As Lin Huang was still keeping quiet, Kylie added, "I'll be fine."

"Alright, then," Lin Huang finally said, "I'll relinquish the task to you. Please be careful."

Kylie nodded and did not say anything else. She then returned to the battleground, killing the remaining Combat Hornetdemons.

"Where are you going to lure the Luna Beasts to?" Lin Huang turned his head back, looking at Bloody.

"There's a Fiendish Osiery about two kilometers away from us." Bloody had a plan.

"A Fiendish Osiery... That's too dangerous." Lin Huang frowned, lifting his head and gazing in the direction where Kylie was. He was still worried about her.

"We don't have any other choice. We need to bear some of the risks. Within five kilometers, the Fiendish Osiery is the most suitable area to fight the Luna Beasts."

"The Fiendish Osier looks like an ordinary willow, and no energy fluctuation will be alarming to the Luna Beasts. They're quite smart. If the prey doesn't go deep into the forest, they won't simply launch an attack. Right when the Luna Beasts realize something is wrong, perhaps the entire monster horde would've already entered the forest."

"The Fiendish Osier's abilities can restrict the Luna Beasts. The

splitting of the tree branches can restrict the movements and the strength of the Luna Beasts to a great extent. However, with Kylie's speed, as long as she doesn't go too deep into it, it's not difficult for her to escape."

Lin Huang nodded and did not say anything else.

After a short while, they cleared the swarm of hornets. Lin Huang gathered Bai and the rest again.

Bloody pulled Kylie aside and whispered to her. After the conversation between them had ended, only then did they join the team.

"Kylie, please stay. The rest of you, please follow me and lie in wait outside the Fiendish Osier. I'll explain the details later when we're on our way." Bloody did not say anything else. It nodded its head at Lin Huang, transforming into a vine and wrapping around his left arm.

"Follow me." As soon as Lin Huang uttered these words, he activated his double acceleration and headed towards the Fiendish Osier.

Bai and the rest immediately followed after him. Kylie was the only one who stayed there, watching the rest leave.

Right after Lin Huang and the rest had disappeared from her sight, Kylie then transformed into a black glow and headed in another direction.

After half an hour, Lin Huang and the rest finally arrived where the Fiendish Osier was.

Seeing the peaceful Fiendish Osier, even Lin Huang's Divine Telekinesis could not sense anything strange. The Fiendish Osier was like an ordinary willow.

If the Fiendish Osier had not been introduced in the information provided by the Heaven Alliance, perhaps not only Lin Huang, even Bloody might not realize the specialty of this forest.

Scanning the forest, Charcoal then said, "It looks like an ordinary plant."

"Be careful. According to what has been recorded in the information provided by the Heaven Alliance, at least 50 people have died in this forest ever since it has been discovered. They were sent back to the first checkpoint on the Stairway Tree. Bear in mind that humans who reach here are supreme geniuses that have made it through 55 checkpoints on the Stairway Tree," Lin Huang reminded.

After listening to what he said, the facial expressions on Bai and the rest became serious.

In the Genius Union, those who managed to reach checkpoint 55 were at least immortal-level rank-7s. The geniuses of these combat strength were a step away from achieving imperial-level.

Although Bai's ability was on par with the geniuses that were three levels higher, it was much weaker than them, let alone the other monsters.

"Kylie has approached the Luna Beasts. We should do something now. Let's move and do what I've told you to do earlier." Bloody was monitoring Kylie with its Leech Pods.

Several kilometers away, Kylie had launched an attack as soon as she discovered the Luna Beasts. She summoned Lightning to cover the entire region, striking hundreds of Luna Beasts. They growled from the pain they suffered. Although not a single Luna Beast was killed, she had successfully triggered their rage. Hundreds of her victims then led the rest of the Luna Beasts to pursue her.

Chapter 787: Bloody's Misjudgement

Kylie's speed and explosiveness in short-distance flight surpassed all the monsters Lin Huang owned. Even Thunder that was good at flying could only excel Kylie in long-distance flight.

Encountering Luna Beasts with extremely high explosiveness, it was apparent that Kylie could make better bait than Thunder. In fact, Kylie did an impressive job.

Kylie was about 10% faster than the Luna Beasts all the way.

The Luna Beasts had made several attempts to accelerate, but Kylie sped up only when they were less than a meter away from her, maintaining her speed at 10% faster than the Luna Beasts. Some of the Luna Beasts had gone on a rampage, but they were still trailing behind by Kylie.

Kylie maintained a speed at which the Luna Beasts could see her but were unable to attack her.

Lin Huang and Bloody were monitoring the situation on Kylie's side all the while. They felt relieved, seeing Kylie's performance.

All of a sudden, Lin Huang frowned.

"The Luna Beasts are slowing down!"

"It seems like they're giving up on Kylie." Bloody was surprised.

The Luna Beasts had terrible tempers, and they were monsters that held grudges. They were not intelligent and under normal circumstances, they would chase after their enemies non-stop and would not choose to retreat.

It seemed like the Luna Beasts had lost their patience upon realizing that the possibility of chasing after Kylie was low. They were not going to bug her anymore.

"She's made it through half the journey. What should we do now?" Lin Huang raised his head and looked towards Bloody.

"Ask Kylie to attack them," Bloody suggested.

"Would it work? Since they've already found out that they can't possibly chase Kylie..." Lin Huang doubted.

"I guess it'll work this time, but I'm not sure if it'll still work the next time." Bloody did not expect the Luna Beasts to retreat after being fooled by Kylie.

After getting the confirmation from Bloody, Lin Huang immediately contacted Kylie with his Divine Telekinesis and told her what to do next.

A few kilometers away, Kylie then turned back to the Luna Beasts after listening to what Lin Huang told her. She then realized that the Luna Beasts were actually slowing down. She scoffed and again, she activated her Lightning Control.

Hundreds of beams of black lightning rained down from the sky. The attack covered a broader range compared to the first attack launched by Kylie. Besides that, it was much stronger as well.

More than 500 of the Luna Beasts let out a howl of pain. Their fur was burnt and singed.

Still, Kylie was unable to kill any of the Luna Beasts.

Nevertheless, it was quite effective. The Luna Beasts lost their rationality and began to chase after Kylie insanely.

Seeing what Kylie did, Lin Huang flashed a thumbs-up. "They're now bearing a huge grudge!"

"Don't count your eggs before they hatch. While it's effective, it's still unknown whether Kylie can lure them to this place." Bloody pointed out pessimistically.

Lin Huang kept quiet for a moment, and something seemed to have dawned on him. "Does it mean that the effect will be reduced each time Kylie attempts to aggravate them?"

"Yes, it does. Although the Luna Beasts aren't intelligent and can

be easily triggered, they won't be tricked repeatedly. Since they've already confirmed that they are unable to catch up to Kylie, they'll be wise enough to give up their target. Once attacked, they'll temporarily lose their rationality. The more they're attacked, the less likely they'll act irrationally and the higher the possibility that they'll give up their target." Bloody nodded while giving a detailed explanation. "Also, the Luna Beasts will regain their rationality in a shorter period this round. Soon, they'll realize that it's useless to chase after Kylie."

"What should we do?" Lin Huang's eyebrows knitted together. He now understood why Bloody had expressed its doubt on whether Kylie could successfully lure the Luna Beasts to this place.

"The best way is to change baits." Obviously, Bloody had a plan. "They've lost confidence in chasing Kylie, and it's time for us to change their target. They'll regain the thrill of the chase once they have a new target. They can then complete the second half of the journey."

"Do you mean that we need Thunder to be the bait?" Lin Huang knew who Bloody was referring to.

"Other than Kylie, it'll be the most suitable one." Bloody nodded.

"No, we can't. Thunder is too huge, and its agility is nowhere near Kylie's. If it happens to enter the Fiendish Osier, it's difficult for it to survive through it," Lin Huang rejected.

Compared to Kylie, Thunder's size would make it an easy target. Moreover, Kylie's agility would allow her to avoid sudden attacks whereas Thunder was much weaker than her and it would be easier for the Fiendish Osiers to attack it. Once it became the Fiendish Osiers' target, it would be in great danger.

"Do you have any other plan?"

It was already risky for Kylie to enter the Fiendish Osier. If Thunder was the one that entered the Fiendish Osier, the

probability of it surviving was close to zero.

A pet monster was different from humans. If it died on the Stairway Tree, it would die in reality instead of returning to the first checkpoint on the Stairway Tree.

Bloody kept quiet for a long while after listening to what Lin Huang asked.

"This isn't how you'd look like if you're running out of ideas." Lin Huang knew that it was not because Bloody had no other plans. It was because of some reason that it was reluctant to tell. "Just spit it out."

"Other than Kylie and Thunder, there's actually someone who can be the bait," Bloody then said slowly, shifting its gaze towards Lin Huang.

Lin Huang was stunned. After a couple of moments, he then pointed at himself and asked, "Me?"

After confirming that Bloody was referring to him, a thought suddenly ran through Lin Huang's mind. "Oh, right, the Transformation Card! How could I forget about it?!"

Lin Huang had almost forgotten that he could actually use the Provisional Transformation Card, transforming into Kylie or Thunder. As long as he changed into how they looked like, he would have all of their abilities, including their speed.

"I'll first transform into Thunder and become bait. As soon as I enter the Fiendish Osier, I'll transform into Kylie and get out of there as swiftly as possible." Bloody was unwilling to reveal its plan. It did not want Lin Huang to take the risk, but it was running out of solutions.

Setting the Luna Beasts up was risky business.

"Alright, I'll take on the task!" Lin Huang accepted without thinking twice.

"It's too dangerous," Bai, who had kept quiet all the while, frowned as he said. It turned back and looked at Bloody. "Is there any other way?"

Bloody shook its head helplessly. "Changing the bait is the only way to solve the problem. It's uncertain whether any other solutions are going to work."

"Don't worry. After using the Transformation Card, my combat strength will level up to immortal-level rank-4. My abilities will be stronger than any of you." Lin Huang patted Bai's shoulder reassuringly. "I didn't really make any contribution for the whole day. It's time to move and do some exercise."

"That's it. I'm going to back Kylie up!"

Chapter 788: Falling into the Trap

In the Secret Forest, a charcoal grey silhouette flashed through the tree branches quickly.

The silhouette was extremely fast. The immortal-level rank-8 and rank-9 monsters only managed to detect that a black shadow passing through.

When one actually throttled down the speed of the silhouette 100 times slower, one could actually see that it was a charcoal grey bird with an intricate golden pattern on its body. It had a slender body that looked elegant yet powerful.

The bird that looked almost eerily similar to Thunder was, of course, Lin Huang.

Lin Huang could not get used to Thunder's body in the beginning. Unlike Bai and the rest that were humanoid monsters, he felt awkward having his hands change into wings. However, in less than an hour, he had gotten used to the body and even liked flying by flapping his wings.

Feeling excited for only a few minutes, Lin Huang started to calm himself down.

Sensing that Kylie was approaching him at a breakneck speed with his Territory skill, he slowed down. While waiting for Kylie to appear, he started practicing some skills that could trigger the anger of the Luna Beasts.

After a short while, he saw a black shadow flying towards him at lightning speed. There was a massive monster horde that followed the black shadow.

Lin Huang immediately fluttered his wings and stopped moving forward, staying in one place.

Kylie caught a glimpse of Lin Huang and brushed past him without slowing down.

This was what Lin Huang had instructed Kylie earlier. She had to pretend that she did not know Lin Huang and continued to flee, leaving the rest of the act to Lin Huang.

Obviously, Kylie did what she had been told. She did not even greet him. She directly grazed Lin Huang and flew away. It went so smoothly as though it had been practiced countless times.

"She simply just left..." Lin Huang thought to himself.

The Luna Beasts, of course, noticed Lin Huang in the first place. He now looked exactly like Thunder, and its body was a few times bigger than Kylie's, so it was hard not to steal the attention.

Seeing the monster horde chasing after him, Lin Huang did not immediately turn back and flee. He flapped his wings, and his body began to glow purple.

His body was flickering in a purple electric arc, creating peculiar patterns. As Lin Huang opened his mouth wide, a purple glow accumulated within his mouth.

The dazzling purple light glowed even brighter as Lin Huang flapped his wings. In just a short while, the intensity of the beam of purple light had reached its peak, becoming much more resplendent.

At that moment, Lin Huang let out a screeching bird cry, accompanied by the purple glow shooting out from his mouth.

The fist-like purple sphere lingered in mid-air. While it expanded, it rotated quickly. The purple sphere expanded to the size of a fitness ball in just one breath, and it was still increasing in size.

Just when the Luna Beasts were less than ten meters away from Lin Huang, the sphere that consisted of the purple thunder exploded.

A dazzling purple beam was instantly released. Nobody could gaze directly at the brilliant beam of light.

Countless beams of purple electric arcs were gushing out like snakes, spreading in the form of a fan towards the direction where the monster horde was. It was like casting a net into a lake full of fish.

The attack which Lin Huang had deliberately launched covered a much wider region compared to Kylie's. It covered almost half of the monster horde.

The purple electric arc struck tens of thousands of Luna Beasts. Although it could do no harm to the Luna Beasts, they would still experience numbness and pain. Reacting to the assault, the Luna Beasts roared in pain.

Despite the range of attack being much more comprehensive than Kylie's, the force was relatively weak. Lin Huang knew very well that the attack would not be able to kill any of the Luna Beasts, but it was the most suitable skill to trigger them.

Lin Huang turned back and fled after the attack without a moment of hesitation.

The angry Luna Beasts soon targeted Lin Huang and started pursuing him.

Although his agility was incomparable to Kylie's after transforming into Thunder, Lin Huang had his way of getting rid of the Luna Beast's attack. He did not fly in a straight line, but he flew in a Z-shape instead. He was like a drunkard, flying up and down.

He became much more provoking to the Luna Beasts. The insult level had been 100% initially, but it had now risen to 120%.

The group of Luna Beasts had forgotten entirely that they were previously chasing Kylie. The evil bird was now their target.

"The outcome is pretty awesome." As the bait-changing plan was working, Lin Huang felt relieved.

Kylie was flying at her maximum speed and had already

disappeared from his sight.

Lin Huang then leisurely led the Luna Beasts forward.

Perhaps because the attack had triggered a large number of Luna Beasts or because Lin Huang looked much easier to defeat than Kylie, the Luna Beasts did not give up on him easily.

Lin Huang then managed to bring the Luna Beasts to their destination.

Sensing that Bloody and the rest had hidden well and were ready, Lin Huang grinned and looked towards the Fiendish Osiery. He then accelerated and headed towards it.

The Luna Beasts were so naïve, and they did not realize that the Fiendish Osiery was dangerous. They thought that Lin Huang wanted to get rid of them using the forest. Therefore, they sped up and followed him.

Of course, they did not realize that Bloody and the rest were hiding there. The monster horde followed Lin Huang and entered the terrifying Fiendish Osiery.

After entering the Fiendish Osiery, Lin Huang immediately looked back at the Luna Beasts. He was worried about the Luna Beasts finding out and retreating at the very last minute. The group of Luna Beasts was obviously not as alert as he thought. They went into the Fiendish Osiery without hesitation.

"Success!" Lin Huang was exhilarated.

As the Luna Beasts got into the Fiendish Osiery, 80% of the hunting plan had succeeded. He knew that he could gain tens of millions of points with extreme ease.

Although more than half of the plan was turning out well, Lin Huang did not let his guard down.

He did not immediately leave the Fiendish Osiery. Instead, he continued leading them deeper in.

He knew that nobody could retreat after entering the Fiendish Osiery. If he did so, the Fiendish Osiery would immediately block his way, and the Luna Beasts would definitely be startled by them.

In addition to the monster horde not going deep enough into the Fiendish Osiery, if they found out that something was wrong, it was highly possible that they could get rid of the controlling willow forest. Once they managed to get rid of the Fiendish Osiery's control, Bai and the rest would not be able to stop such a large number of monsters. The plan would definitely fail.

"It's best for me to go 43 meters deep into the Fiendish Osiery. The Luna Beasts will follow me at least 30 meters deep..." Lin Huang was doing the calculations in his mind so that he would not make any mistakes.

The best distance was, of course, calculated by Bloody based on its understanding of the Luna Beasts and the Fiendish Osiers. It was the distance where the Luna Beasts could be controlled, and at the same time, it was also the safest distance for Lin Huang.

"35... 40, 41, 42, 43!" As soon as it reached the depth calculated by Bloody, Lin Huang immediately flapped his wings, turning back and flying right towards the Luna Beasts that were chasing after him.

Chapter 789: The Uncatchable Prey

Lin Huang had caught the Fiendish Osier's attention the moment he turned back. It began extending its osiers, reaching out for Lin Huang.

The Fiendish Osiers in the Fiendish Osiery were really patient. If their prey did not go deep enough, they would patiently wait until they were confident enough to control their prey before launching any attack. However, as for those who wanted to leave after breaking into the Fiendish Osiery, they would immediately attack, forcing their victim to stay.

As Lin Huang retreated, he undoubtedly triggered the Fiendish Osiery's instinct which was to extend their osiers to stop him immediately.

Hundreds of osiers headed out for Lin Huang from all directions. Ten tentacles with the circumference of an adult's arm extended from the tip of each of the osiers.

"Although I've seen this earlier, it's kind of disgusting to see it at such a close distance," Lin Huang thought to himself.

The tentacles were green in color and looked somewhat sticky like a slug. It was like a future generation of the earthworm and the slug that had gone through some kind of mutation. Not only was it ten times bigger, but it was also hundreds of times uglier. One would indeed find them disgusting.

Lin Huang's mentality was considered stable, but still, he felt sickened seeing those tentacles.

Thousands of tentacles wriggled in mid-air, heading out for Lin Huang.

At the same time, the Luna Beasts in front of Lin Huang were in trouble as well. The Fiendish Osier extended their osiers, and there were millions of tentacles going after the Luna Beasts.

Since they had already revealed themselves, the Fiendish Osiers was not going wait any longer. If they did not take any action to make the Luna Beasts stay, perhaps the Luna Beasts could escape from the Fiendish Osiery very quickly with their speed, which was the reason why the Fiendish Osier attacked without hesitation.

As the group of Fiendish Osiers went on a rampage, Lin Huang did not feel panicked at all. What happened right in front of him was entirely within his expectations.

Tens of thousands of tentacles did not stop chasing him. There was an ocean of tentacles right in front of him. Lin Huang flapped his wings and distanced himself from the tentacles. Seeing that he was about to enter the ocean of tentacles, he immediately crushed a Provisional Transformation Card.

His immensely colossal body immediately shrank and transformed from Thunder to Kylie. He did not stop and sped up instead as he flew towards the Luna Beasts. He then entered the region where there were countless tentacles.

The Luna Beasts that were chasing after Lin Huang were caught in a frenzy as the Fiendish Osier was suddenly attacking them. At that moment, only then did they know that they had fallen into a trap.

The Luna Beasts could no longer go after Lin Huang as the Fiendish Osier attacked them. They were alarmed.

A majority of the Luna Beasts knew that they had to flee in the direction where they had come from in order to leave the Fiendish Osiery as soon as possible. A small number of them were confused, and soon, they were captured by the Fiendish Osier's tentacles.

Those who fled in the correct direction were entangled by the Fiendish Osier as well. They had no way of getting rid of them. Despite being able to break the tentacles with their fangs and sharp claws repeatedly, the Fiendish Osier's tentacles could regenerate on their own endlessly. Their energy and Life Power were being

drained, resulting in many of the Luna Beasts being caught.

Regardless of how fast the Luna Beasts were, how powerful its explosiveness was, and how sharp its fangs were, they were vastly outnumbered by the Fiendish Osier's tentacles, putting them at significant risk in the battle.

Their destiny was like a script written in advance whereby the outcome had already been determined.

Lin Huang, who had transformed into Kylie, approached the ocean of tentacles as well.

There were 12 pairs of black wings on his back, fluttering at a horrifying frequency. He was traveling through the ocean of tentacles at an extremely fast speed. Like a swimming fish in the ocean, he was moving forward with ease.

The tentacles attempted to capture him several times, but still, he managed to avoid the capture perfectly by flapping his wings.

Lin Huang could clearly sense that the movements of all the tentacles that were covered by his Territorial skill. In addition to Kylie's speed and her explosiveness, he could easily sense the attack coming from any of the tentacles. He managed to dodge the attacks in advance and could even use Flicker when necessary. This allowed him to travel in the danger zone without obstruction.

Moreover, the Luna Beasts had caught the Fiendish Osier's attention. Lin Huang was not worried that he might be unable to leave the Fiendish Osier at all.

The osiers of the Fiendish Osier spasmed, extending their tentacles towards their enemies.

If one of the tentacles tangled the Luna Beast, it was fated that it would be unable to break free from the entanglement of the tentacles. This was because if it happened to pause for just a moment, the rest of the tentacles would twist around it one after another.

Nothing would work even if the Luna Beasts struggled to rip them apart. After breaking one of the tentacles apart, more than ten others would replace it. The broken tentacle could even regenerate at the speed that was visible to the naked eye.

The Luna Beasts were being wrapped like dumplings. The Fiendish Osier soon realized that there was a prey that they were unable to capture.

It was much smaller than the Luna Beasts. Upon closer inspection, it was a humanoid monster with 12 pairs of wings.

It seemed as if any of the tentacles that approached him at a certain distance could complete the capture at the next second. However, he always managed to dodge the capture. Most of the time, he was capable of avoiding the attack of the tentacles by moving a little as though he could foresee things.

"You must have discovered the weird guy with 12 pairs of wings on its back." One of the Fiendish Osiers realized that Lin Huang was different from the rest as it failed to catch him after several attempts. Soon, the information spread everywhere, and tens of the Fiendish Osiers nearby could receive the incoming message.

"He might be a human. He has strange movements as though he can foresee the trajectory path of our attack." One of the Fiendish Osiers next to it found out that something was weird about Lin Huang.

"Humans used to be evil. It's normal if they invented some movements to restrict our attack." Seemingly, the Fiendish Osier had dealt with humans before and did not have a positive experience.

"I don't think that he can dodge all of our attacks!" After finishing its words, it immediately launched another attack on Lin Huang. More than 20 osiers headed towards Lin Huang and hundreds of tentacles gushed towards him.

"It's not easy to encounter such an interesting prey. Let's see who has the ability to capture him!" Another Fiendish Osier suggested. Many of the Fiendish Osiers agreed with his suggestion.

After reaching a consensus, most of them had given up capturing the Luna Beasts. Lin Huang was their primary target, and they were giving their all to catch him.

Lin Huang knew nothing about the discussion between the Fiendish Osiers. The only thing he knew was that the Fiendish Osier was quite smart, but he did not know that this type of monster could actually communicate with each other.

He unconsciously became the target of tens of the Fiendish Osiers.

Despite not knowing that they were talking about him, he soon noticed that something was wrong because there was a larger number of tentacles that attacked him.

"What's happening? Are they afraid that I'll be able to leave this place, so they're all turning on me?" Lin Huang soon realized that the tentacles of the Fiendish Osiers had ignored the Luna Beasts that were not far away from him. Not a single tentacle was extended towards them. Instead, the tentacles were all coming at him!

Chapter 790: The Insane Fiendish Osier

Seeing the tentacles coming for him multiply many times over, Lin Huang frowned.

The events that had just transpired were far beyond his expectations. Although he was faster than the Luna Beasts and according to Bloody's calculations, there would still be half the number of Luna Beasts remaining when he would escape the Fiendish Osier. Theoretically, it would target the larger group of Luna Beasts who were clustered in a group and would be more easily captured. However, they seemingly had a greater interest in Lin Huang instead of the Luna Beast group.

"Bloody, what's wrong with the Fiendish Osiers? Why would they give up attacking the Luna Beasts and come after me?" Lin Huang was under a lot of pressure and asked Bloody with his Divine Telekinesis.

Bloody kept quiet for a moment before answering, "The information we have on the Fiendish Osiers is very limited. I didn't notice it previously as I used to think that they're just demonic plants that are rather evil when they hunt. However, it seems like I've underestimated the Fiendish Osiers' intelligence."

"Most of the triple mutated monsters or those who're weaker are limited by intelligence. They hunt for survival. However, it seems like the Fiendish Osiers are beyond that and are more intelligent. Not only are they hunting for food, they're also hunting for higher level needs — fun."

"You've probably become their main target because your unusual behavior drew their attention. Hunting for you has become a game to them, and whoever that managed to capture you will be the winner of the game."

"Just like how a well-fed cat will hunt for mice. They're not going to eat it, it's just for fun." Lin Huang soon understood

Bloody's explanation, "I'm now the Fiendish Osier's mouse."

"You're right." Bloody nodded.

"So before I get caught, it's less likely that they'll give up such an 'interesting' prey right?" Lin Huang knew the predicament he was in.

"Yes, it is. Before getting bored of you, a well-fed cat will definitely not give up their prey that easily." Bloody was not panicked though, "You're halfway through the 43-meter flight. You'll be able to make it through the remaining 20 meters in your current condition. You just need to be extra careful."

"Alright, I got it. Don't worry and get ready to attack. Immediately launch an attack as soon as I get rid of the Fiendish Osier!"

After contacting with Bloody and knew what was actually happening, Lin Huang felt relieved.

The Fiendish Osier was behaving like how a cat was trying to fool a mouse. They extended their tentacles, attempting to capture Lin Huang. However, they failed.

Lin Huang flew past countless tentacles and accelerated from time to time. At times, he slashed his sword to get away from the tentacles and occasionally moved his body aside to dodge the attacks. Flicker would also be used to get rid of the tentacles at times...

Regardless of how many tentacles there were, the angle he was being attacked from, and the speed the attack, they were unable to even touch the edge of Lin Huang's clothes. However, there were several hits when they managed to cordon the area off but still, Lin Huang managed to break through it with ease with Flicker.

Seeing countless criss-crossed tentacles before him attempting to wrap him up, he grinned.

'It seems like the Fiendish Osiers have no idea what they can still

do now. They've used the same attack over and over again but they've been rendered useless. Still, they're using the same skill to attack.' Just as the thought ran through his mind, Lin Huang's body reacted. He flapped the twelve pairs of black wings on his body abruptly and soon, he completely disappeared. When he reappeared, he had already passed through the big net formed by the tentacles, appearing at a location where there were no tentacles at all.

However, when his body became visible, something had put him on alert.

He immediately activated Flicker and again, he disappeared.

At almost the same time that he disappeared from his original position, a big net made of tentacles emerged from the ground, enveloping the area where Lin Huang was initially at.

Lin Huang who was dozens of centimeters away saw what just happened and was glad that he believed his instinct so he managed to avoid the danger.

Lin Huang had his guard up after figuring that there was a trap. "It seems like the Fiendish Osiers are much more intelligent than what has been described!"

"There's less than a third of the distance remaining. Don't be careless anymore. I didn't even notice that they've set a trap underground with their roots. Despite their intelligence being inferior to triple mutated monsters, it's on par with the intelligence of a 10-year-old child. If you happen to underestimate them again, you're possibly going to bear some losses." Bloody reminded, "It was mere luck that you managed to overcome the danger with your instinct. However, bear in mind that your instincts are not there to help all the time. In order to survive in such a dangerous place, abilities and cautiousness are of utmost importance."

"In fact, I was too careless. I didn't expect the Fiendish Osier to be

actually able to attack with their roots." Lin Huang admitted his carelessness. "The Fiendish Osiers are totally depraved. They set me up by using their roots that I've never seen before. I was almost tricked by them."

"Another thing that you need to be aware of is that breaking the Fiendish Osier tentacles might not be as easy as it seems despite how unassuming it looks. I've been monitoring the battle between the Fiendish Osiers and the Luna Beasts and realized that only a small number of Luna Beasts managed to break free from the tentacles after being captured. Most of the Luna Beasts struggled for a couple of moments before they gave up, looking sluggish. I suspect that the tentacles contain a poison that can restrict the activities of their prey."

"Got it. I'll be careful." Lin Huang was focused on fleeing from the Fiendish Osier but did not notice this point. The information regarding the Fiendish Osiers he had made no mention of their poisonous tentacles. However, according to what had been observed by Bloody, Lin Huang believed that it was true.

Lin Huang did not know that he had triggered the Fiendish Osier's rage when he managed to escape earlier.

"How can he possibly get away from us? He's really good at escaping!"

"His movements aren't the best. It's his ability to foresee the future! He can accurately predict our attack and dodge it in time. That's the scariest part."

"Did you realize that he's only immortal-level rank-4? If he advances to immortal-level rank-9, what's going to happen?"

All the Fiendish Osiers that joined the discussion then kept quiet.

After a short while, one of the elder Fiendish Osiers said, "After leveling up, perhaps he'll come back and take revenge on us. We won't be the ones attacking him by then, for the sake of our safety,

I think we should make him stay."

"I agree!"

"I agree too!"

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The rest of the Fiendish Osiers agreed with it as well.

"Since there are no objections, inform the rest of the members who're still able to reach him with their attacks, we don't need to catch him alive!"

All the Fiendish Osiers did not treat it as something fun now. Instead, they treated Lin Huang as their greatest enemy.

Although Lin Huang knew nothing about it, he was on alert after nearly being trapped by them.

After the discussion, the Fiendish Osiers' killing intent immediately grew, and Lin Huang could sense that the atmosphere was somewhat strange.

The next second, the battle escalated. The Fiendish Osier gave up hunting for the Luna Beasts. Millions of tentacles were now heading out for Lin Huang.

Lin Huang was shocked. Although he had no idea what was happening, his body had already responded to the attack.

He activated Flicker, transforming into a silhouette and disappeared from his original position. Just as the silhouette appeared, countless tentacles ripped it into pieces.

"Are they crazy?!" Lin Huang mumbled, feeling that it was ridiculous.

"Get out of the Fiendish Osiery as soon as possible. Stop bugging them." Bloody had no idea what was happening as well. What they had to do now was to make sure that Lin Huang could get rid of the region covered by the Fiendish Osiers' attack.

"Okay."

Just as Lin Huang answered while nodding his head, the tentacles pounced towards him again. The number of tentacles was about the same.

The entire dimension was being vacuumed as a large number of tentacles moved. No noise could be heard.

However, Lin Huang knew it earlier and again, he activated Flicker and was several meters away. He was less than eight meters away from the border of the Fiendish Osier.

After stabilizing himself, the Fiendish Osiers performed another attack. They knew that they had very few chances left to kill him. Their opponent could escape for another three times at most before getting away from the area within the Fiendish Osier's attack range.

Seeing countless tentacles come after him, Lin Huang activated Flicker again.

However, as soon as his figure could be seen, a huge net immediately emerged from the ground. Just as it was about to wrap Lin Huang up, Lin Huang disappeared again after slightly moving his body aside.

The next moment, shots scattered through the air and surrounded Lin Huang within a ten-meter-wide area as soon as his body appeared.

He fixed his gaze on the Fiendish Osier and noticed them exploding abruptly, transforming into countless daggers that flew in all directions. A majority of them did not take aim at Lin Huang.

"There's nowhere else you can escape to, and the only thing you can do is to attack while teleporting." Bloody could clearly see everything that happened with his leech pods from the top. The Fiendish Osier's daggers had covered an area with a circumference that spanned about 13 meters. The attacks of the daggers were

irregular and there were no more safe places.

Lin Huang nodded his head. The next moment, he activated Dark Mirror. The daggers then hit the dark sphere that covered Lin Huang's body, creating ripples on the surface of the sphere before they were reflected.

After the activation of Dark Mirror, Lin Huang decided to test the attack power of these daggers. Again, he took a step forward and appeared a few meters away.

"The Fiendish Osiers must've gone insane. They'd rather harm themselves to kill me." As soon as he showed up, his Dark Mirror was attacked by countless daggers.

Lin Huang smirked as he was now only two meters away from the border of the Fiendish Osiery.

"He'll completely get rid of our control if he were to teleport again. Don't let him run away!" After listening to this, all the Fiendish Osiers went into a frenzy.

On the osiers, countless catkins were dispersed by the wind and instantly enveloped an area dozens of meters wide.

Just as Lin Huang was feeling terrified, the catkins exploded and transformed into flares. Seeing himself being surrounded by dozens of catkins that were about to explode, Lin Huang took a leap and soon disappeared.

Chapter 791: It Is Here

"These demonic monsters are really crazy!"

As Lin Huang showed up in the next moment, he had already left the area of the Fiendish Osiery that was within the osiers' control. He then turned back to look at the continuous explosions of the catkins that were scattered through the air. A third of the region near the Fiendish Osiery was now shrouded in flames.

"It's not that out of the ordinary for demonic monsters to do something crazy like this." Bloody slowly floated toward Lin Huang, "The mentality of those demonic monsters is controlled by their negative emotions. When they're triggered, their negative emotions will multiply, causing them to lose all ability to think rationally and consider the consequences of their actions."

"But why would they hurt themselves to kill me?!" Lin Huang felt amused when he saw the Fiendish Osiery shrouded in flames with most of the osiers left with nothing.

Neither the daggers not the bombs were usually used by the Fiendish Osiers. Those abilities were usually reserved for self-protection and once activated, it would remain unusable for the next three months. The Fiendish Osiers had given their all in their attempt to kill Lin Huang.

"It's almost time to attack! Although the explosion did directly affect the group of Luna Beasts, some of them may have been severely injured. If we don't attack them now, the Fiendish Osiers might kill them." Bloody reminded, "If they're killed by the Fiendish Osiers, you won't get any points."

Lin Huang nodded his head and shifted his gaze in the direction where Bai and the rest were. "It's time to show up!"

After saying that, a few shadows flashed by and at the next moment, Bai and the rest appeared standing next to Bloody.

"I relinquish the task to you." Lin Huang then allowed Bloody to take charge of the situation.

Bloody nodded slightly and called out the first name. "Charcoal!"

As soon as Bloody's voice was heard, Charcoal rapidly returned to its original body size.

It knew very well what it was doing because Bloody had already planned a strategy to fight when they began setting up the trap. Charcoal only had to follow what had been planned.

It opened its mouth wide as black flames shot out in waves, engulfing the Fiendish Osiers and some of the Luna Beasts.

The Luna Beasts that were caught in the attack attacked groaned as they struggled. They wanted to break free from the Fiendish Osier's entanglement and escape from the fire.

However, the Fiendish Osier waved their osiers, extending their tentacles in Charcoal's direction to rip Charcoal into pieces.

In the beginning, Charcoal would still flutter its wings so it could fly to a higher position. It feared getting tangled by the Fiendish Osiers but soon, it realized that the height Bloody told it to fly at had already exceeded the Fiendish Osier's range so it did not need to worry about attacks from the Fiendish Osiers.

"Kylie!" Bloody's voice was heard before the first attack was over.

Kylie who was in her black armor then picked up her spear, pointing the tip of her spear toward the sky. A purple electric glow began flickering on the spear.

All of a sudden, dark clouds were formed in the air, and purple lightning was quickly formed on top of the cloud layers.

After a short while, endless thunder rumbled in the sky and lightning bolts struck the ground like a storm was coming.

The lightning accompanied with the purification power was a poison to the Fiendish Osiers. In addition to the injuries caused by

Charcoal's dragon flames, many of the Fiendish Osiers were burned and died on the spot. Despite there being a small number of Fiendish Osiers that were still alive, they were severely injured and were already on the verge of death.

As for the Luna Beasts, the Fiendish Osiers had almost taken their lives away. After experiencing the explosion of the catkins, the dragon flames, and the lightning strikes, it was not easy for them to stay alive. They did not have the energy to run away now, let alone engage in a fight.

Bloody did not seem satisfied with the battle's outcome so it did not immediately ask the rest of them to enter the Fiendish Osiery. Instead, it called Lancelot.

Lancelot nodded its head before it brandished its saber, pointing toward somewhere in the Fiendish Osiery.

A strange force wave could be felt coming from the sky. A black saber was then formed out of nowhere. Its blade was narrow, long, and was about a meter long.

As soon as the first saber appeared, a second and third saber with the same length began to form. In a blink of an eye, tens of thousands of black sabers that looked exactly the same appeared in front of Lancelot.

The tips of the sabers were all pointed in the same direction as the saber Lancelot was holding – the Fiendish Osiery.

"Kill!"

A deep voice was then heard, accompanied by tens of thousands of sabers that streaked across the sky with a whistling sound.

The streaking sabers raced toward the Fiendish Osiery like a torrential rain, passing through the bodies of the Fiendish Osiers.

Lancelot's Sword Manipulation was not that strong and could only be compared to a random attack from an immortal-level rank-8. Usually, it could do no harm to the Fiendish Osiers. However, its

attack was the final straw that would spell the doom of the Fiendish Osiers. The ones that were already knocking on death's door could no longer defend themselves against their enemy. Soon, they succumbed to their injuries after the onslaught of the sabers.

The Fiendish Osiers finally died after three attacks from Charcoal and the rest. Less than a tenth of them managed to survive the onslaught.

The Luna Beasts were rather pitiful. Each attack from Lancelot's dominating saber was a fatal strike especially since the Luna Beasts had depleted their life power earlier. The onslaught of Lancelot's sabers only added to their casualties.

However, due to a limited range attack, it only managed to cover a twentieth of the Fiendish Osiery.

"Charcoal, Kylie, Lancelot! Continue assisting the fight. Attack the rest of the areas in the Fiendish Osiery. You don't need to care how many Luna Beasts and Fiendish Osiers are killed. I'll ask the rest to complete the remaining task."

After instructing Charcoal and the rest, Bloody turned its body around and looked toward Bai.

"Bai, please lead the rest to continue clearing up the monsters. Kill the remaining Fiendish Osiers and Luna Beasts that are still alive after the first wave of attack. Don't go to places where Charcoal and the rest haven't been to. Just go after them and complete the kill." Bloody intentionally glanced at Ghastly after finishing its words as if it wanted to warn Ghastly.

Ghastly grinned as if it did not mind at all.

"I'll look after it." Bai took a glance at Ghastly and whispered to Bloody. After taking a leap, a voice was heard, "Follow after me!"

Tyrant and the rest immediately followed after Bai and Ghastly was no exception. However, it followed at the back of the team, looking relaxed without even an ounce of nervousness despite the

fact that the battle was about to begin.

Soon after, the battle began as instructed by Bloody.

The battle was not as intense as expected by Lin Huang. After three rounds of attacks launched by Charcoal, Kylie, and Lancelot, they no longer had the strength to fight back, be it the Fiendish Osiers or the Luna Beasts. This made it much easier for Bai and the rest to complete the kills.

It was certainly a one-sided fight, and Lin Huang's points kept increasing every second.

In the Fiendish Osier, Bai and the rest were busy with the fight while Ghastly walked leisurely as if it was on a vacation.

It did help to attack the Fiendish Osiers in the beginning. However, it began to slack off after a while.

Since it did not influence the overall efficiency of the team, Bloody did not bother scolding it.

Ghastly walked before one of the Fiendish Osiers for about five times, having observed it for a long time. Then, as it made up its mind, it waved its right hand that wore a white glove. Soon, a gigantic arm was formed out of nowhere, grabbing the Fiendish Osier's trunk and easily uprooting it. Ghastly then dragged it toward the sky and disappeared from sight.

Bloody and Lin Huang saw everything that just happened clearly.

"Ghastly, what are you doing?" Bloody frowned as it asked.

"Killing all of them is just a waste. I want to catch a few of them alive so that I can do some experiments." Ghastly was being frank with Bloody.

Although the instruction given was to kill, Ghastly did not actually go against Bloody by catching a few of them alive. Bloody did not say anything else.

"It's fine. Just let it be." Lin Huang then whispered to Bloody.

He did not mean to spoil Ghastly. In fact, there was nothing wrong with Ghastly's decision to catch them alive.

Despite Ghastly slacking all the while, the battle ended very quickly. After less than 10 minutes, they were about to end the fight. They managed to wipe out all the Luna Beasts and almost two-thirds of the Fiendish Osiers had sacrificed themselves in the battle.

Just as Bloody was about to give the last instruction to clear up the Fiendish Osieri, its body suddenly became stiff.

At almost the same time, Lin Huang who was standing next to Bloody had a shocked expression.

Lin Huang's neck was stiff as he turned his head around to look at Bloody. Bloody's face had a shocked expression as well as both of them exchanged glances with each other. They knew they had seen.

"It seems like it has discovered us." Bloody was feeling worried.

"Yes. In fact, it's already staring at me." Lin Huang shook his head, forcing a smile.

"I felt like something was wrong right at the moment when she entered the area covered by my Territory. I checked what's actually happening out there with my Divine Telekinesis. However, it activated its telekinetic skill as well and the power it was on par with mine. It then managed to locate me after getting into contact with me." Lin Huang told Bloody what had just happened.

"I've hidden thousands of leech pods throughout the journey, and it has destroyed all of them in an instant. I was wondering how it did it earlier but after listening to what you said, I finally understood. It's because of its telekinetic skill." Bloody felt relieved as it was really frightened by its opponent.

"It's really strong even without its telekinetic skill. Its aura can be

compared to that of Chan Dou. It's the strongest immortal-level monster that I've ever encountered." Lin Huang's face contorted.

"Should we leave?" Bloody asked.

"Yes, we should." Lin Huang quickly nodded his head. "The ability of the hornet queen is incredible. Also, there are 12 hornet guardians that have abilities that are almost at the imperial-level as well as millions of Combat Hornetdemons. With our current abilities, we're incapable of fighting them."

"Moreover, I've earned enough points." Lin Huang smirked as he looked in the direction where the hornet queen was leading a swarm of hornets at several kilometers away. "Keep the rest of the Fiendish Osiers alive, let's get them into trouble."

Chapter 792: Three Demigod Relics

Seeing the points of the first name on the leaderboard constantly increasing, the people on the Stairway Tree started feeling bored. Lin Huang's points had never stopped rising.

However, as it reached 287 million points, it suddenly stopped increasing, catching the attention of many.

"Lin Xie's points have stopped changing since 10 minutes ago, but the name on the leaderboard shows that he's still online. Is he looking for a place to hide?"

"The monster horde has just begun for a while but he can already no longer fight them. It seems like he isn't as strong as we think. I thought that he could fight the entire night."

"You said that it has just been a while but to be exact, it's been two hours. Lin Xie had the courage to stop the monster horde in the Secret Forest and still, he didn't die after the two-hour fight. This has indeed proven his ability. Those who think that Lin Xie isn't that powerful, why not enter the Secret Forest and see if you can stay alive for two hours?"

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Lin Xie did not bother about the discussion that went on in the Genius Union at all. Instead of logging out, he entered the Stairway Mall.

"There're a total of 287 million points. 263 million points are usable which equals 263 billion Life Crystals. The outcome is completely out of my expectations." Lin Huang laughed. He thought that he would be fortunate enough if he could earn tens of millions of points in two days as he already had 24 million points previously. He did not expect using that Bloody's battle strategy, the points he gained would far exceed his expectations.

"It's not worth directly exchanging your points for Life Crystals

here," Bloody reminded.

Before returning to checkpoint 55 on the Stairway Tree, he had recalled Bai and the rest back into their card forms. He only brought Bloody along with him to the Stairway Mall.

"I know. That's why I brought you along to see if there's anything that's worth exchanging here to be sold at a premium out there." Of course, Lin Huang would not directly exchange his points for Life Crystals. It was terribly silly to do so.

"The rarer the item, the higher the offer price at the auction. With your points now, your first choice will be to purchase a demigod relic. Among the demigod relics, demigod-level swords and sabers have the highest demand, followed by armors. If you were to sell these demigod relics at the auction, you don't need to worry that nobody will buy it," Bloody laughed as it suggested.

"Although 263 million points seem like a lot, we can only afford to buy a few demigod relics. The cheapest demigod relic at the Stairway Mall costs 10 million points." Lin Huang had skimmed through the prices of the demigod relics. He was now screening through the items again, looking at the big screen at the Stairway Mall.

"The cheapest demigod-level saber costs 16 million points. It's 15 million points for the sword and 19 million points for armor." Lin Huang realized that they were much more expensive than what he had seen previously. Perhaps the cheaper items might have already been purchased by others.

"Check the details," Bloody was staring at the screen as it said.

Not many demigod relics were left at the Stairway Mall. The weapon which was in abundance was the saber; they had 28 of them. The item they had least was armor with only 17 of them remaining. There were 23 swords as well. Lin Huang and Bloody soon read through the detailed information of these three types of items.

"The items with the highest price are the best quality ones. If I were to sell them at the auction, perhaps the increment in price will be lower than that of the lower priced items." Lin Huang was quite well-versed with this matter. "Should we buy the lower priced items?"

"Have you seen the list of items for sale at the auction? What's the last item to be sold off on the last day of the auction?" Bloody asked, not suggesting anything right away.

"Yes. The two items to be sold off on the last day are a demigod-level saber and a demigod-level combat sword."

"Are there only two of these demigod relics for sale?"

"Yes, there are only two of them. The demigod relics aren't cabbage. It's considered an attractive thing to have these two items sold off on the last day." Lin Huang nodded.

"How's the quality of the two demigod relics?" Bloody asked again.

"According to the information provided, their quality is about the same as these two items." Lin Huang then selected a demigod-level sword and a demigod-level saber on the screen. The price of the sword was 22 million points whereas the saber cost 23 million points.

"Since that's the quality of their last item for sale at the auction, we should try giving them a chance to change the items for sale on the last day of the auction." Bloody chuckled.

"Do you mean that we should look for a demigod relic that's of an even better quality so that it'll be the last item for sale at the auction?"

"Yes, you're right. Since they've announced the last item for sale in advance and the price has already been fixed, they can offer a better price if we were to send them items that are even better in quality. Since people can compare these items in terms of quality,

the bidders will spend more in order to bid for a higher quality demigod relic." Bloody already had the entire plan in its mind.

"But they've already promoted those items. Even if I were to send these items in today, it's a bit too late to do so. Are they still going to offer me the best price?" Lin Huang was still worried.

"Don't worry. They're experts in this field and they will have their way. We just need to send them the items and they'll do the rest," Bloody assured confidently.

"Choose this for the saber. It costs 31 million points. It has a better quality than the saber that costs 23 million points. Choose the sword that costs 29 million points." After Bloody had finished its words, it then picked out a set of armor which cost 33 million points.

"These three items, right?" Lin Huang confirmed.

"Yes, these three are enough. Having three different types of items, we can target three different customer groups. This is the only armor being sold and it will definitely excite the bidders. There's already one saber and sword being sold at the auction. Therefore, buying one sword and one saber will be enough. They'll feel that it isn't valuable if we have more. The rest of the demigod relics have very low demand and we can hardly sell it off at a good price. There's no need to get those items," Bloody explained.

The Heaven Alliance members would receive 30% off their purchase. Lin Huang spent 65.1 million points purchasing the three demigod relics that Bloody had chosen. He saved about 28 million points which was almost equivalent to buying two items and getting one free. Initially upset, he felt much happier now.

After purchasing the three demigod relics, Lin Huang then logged out of the Genius Union after leaving the Secret Forest for about half an hour.

On the Stairway Tree, many people were staring at the points on

the leaderboard, wondering if something had happened to Lin Huang.

After half an hour, Lin Huang's points never changed right until the light on his name dimmed.

"Lin Huang has logged out?!"

"His points never changed for half an hour. He's just started playing. How can he log out at this moment!? What is he doing? Is he fooling us?"

"Could he have encountered some scary monsters or a massive monster horde and was escaping from them?"

Many people agreed with this hypothesis because one would not be able to instantly log out from the Stairway Tree. There was a two-second delay. If the person was distracted during the two seconds delay, he or she would not be able to log out. If monsters were chasing Lin Huang the past half an hour, then everything would make sense.

Just as everybody was discussing on the Stairway Tree, Lin Huang had dressed himself up in a disguise and rushed towards the auction in Wanbao City.

Chapter 793: A Unique Disguise

"Disguise Card is activated. Please choose your disguise. Please choose the race that you would like to disguise as."

"Human race."

"Please choose a gender."

"Male."

"Please choose a combat level that you would like to disguise as."

"Demigod-level."

"Please proceed with a detailed character design."

"Random."

"Starting to create the body of the character randomly. Appearance and attire loading... The character has been randomly created."

"Would you like to confirm your disguise? (If your answer is no, a face will be randomly chosen again.)"

"Yes!"

A skinny and tall man was then randomly created. He had a height of about 1.92 meters with long limbs. Even the size of his palm far exceeded an ordinary man's.

However, all these did not draw Lin Huang's attention. What stunned him was his reflection as he fixed his gaze at the mirror.

He had a sinister yet handsome face. Pairing his gloomy face with a pair of bloodshot eyes, he looked extraordinary. From his face, one would know that he was definitely not a kind person. Looking into his eyes, anyone would wonder how many people's blood was on his hand.

Lin Huang smirked as he looked at the mirror. As he opened his mouth wide, a chill spread everywhere.

He shivered as he saw his own reflection and he immediately dropped his smirk.

"I look scary."

He practiced some expressions and movements in front of the mirror, familiarizing himself with the new body. Lin Huang then donned a black robe.

It was a long robe which completely covered his body. It was difficult to even detect his body shape after putting on the robe. His head was covered by a hat, and his hairstyle could not be seen at all. His face was barely visible as the shadow of the hat masked it. One could hardly see him clearly.

"The attire makes me look even scarier." Lin Huang smirked in mockery.

After preparing himself well, Lin Huang then left and headed towards the Wanbao Auction.

The Wanbao Auction was open for 16 hours a day from 8 a.m. to 12 a.m.

When Lin Huang logged out of the Genius Union, it was not even 10 p.m. yet. It was just slightly after 10 p.m. when he arrived at the auction which was lively as usual.

A week before the auction officially began, the small dealers had very brisk business because many people from different footholds went there to seek good deals. They wanted to find treasures that people might possibly miss out on.

As he entered the auction, the liveliness of the place was out of Lin Huang's expectations. He thought there would not be that many people at this hour. However, he seemed to have entered the wet market area where it was incredibly crowded.

As he gazed around the auction square, Lin Huang walked towards a lady in a uniform. From the uniform that she was wearing, it was not difficult to identify that she was neither a seller

nor a buyer. She was an auction staff.

"I have something to sell. Please bring me to meet your boss," Lin Huang said as he approached the lady. He did not bother whispering.

"May... May I know what kind of item you have?" Seeing Lin Huang's pair of red eyes, the uniformed lady was frightened and stammered immediately. She tried not to distance herself from him while forcing a smile.

"Demigod relics," Lin Huang spoke audibly.

Despite the fact that it was noisy at the auction, complete silence fell over the hall as soon as he uttered his words. Most of them then looked towards Lin Huang who grinned as this was precisely the effect he wanted.

He wanted as many people as possible to know that he had demigod relics for sale. Therefore, many of them would know that there would be more than two demigod relics on sale on the last day of the auction. They would then prepare more credits for the relics.

However, many of them did not size Lin Huang up immediately. The moment when they saw his pair of eyes, they quickly shifted their gazes as they did not have the guts to look at him.

A minority of them checked him out, but they did not fix their gaze on Lin Huang any longer. They tagged Lin Huang as "an extremely dangerous" person.

Only a small number of people could bear the effect of deterrence and secretly observed Lin Huang. They wanted to know if they could get some clues from him.

Lin Huang did not mind at all. He stared at the staff, patiently waiting for her reply.

"Demi-Demigod relic?!" The staff was terrified and still, she spoke with a stutter. Her lips moved slightly as if she had something else

to say. However, Lin Huang interrupted her.

"Stop wasting my time. Bring me to meet your boss."

Lin Huang's character was meant to be rude and unreasonable. A person like his character would certainly not have the patience to listen to her.

The staff's body shivered slightly. Fearfully, she brought Lin Huang to meet her boss. She had completely forgotten that she did not have the right to bring anyone to meet the boss. Under normal circumstances, if someone requested to meet the boss, she had to inform the manager who would have the power to bring the guest to meet the boss.

After a short while, the staff brought Lin Huang in front of a door.

"This is the boss's office."

After completing the task given by Lin Huang, the staff felt relieved and no longer spoke with a stutter.

"Is he in at this hour?" Lin Huang wondered as it was about 10 p.m.

In order to disguise himself, he had even removed his Territorial skill as he was afraid that someone would notice that something was off. He dared not simply activate his Divine Telekinesis either. He knew nothing about what was happening behind that door.

"He should be in at this hour. The auction is about to begin. The boss is in the office almost 24 hours a day." The staff nodded her head. Lin Huang did not ask her to go and she also did not dare to leave.

Just as Lin Huang was about to push the door open, a voice was heard coming from behind the door.

"The VIP is here. Please come in."

After finishing his words, the door opened on its own accord.

Lin Huang grinned and strode into the room without any hesitation.

He looked around the room as he entered.

It was a room with a clean and simple renovation, but one could tell that it was an extremely luxurious room just by looking at the room details.

The office table was made of ink lightstone which was a scarce type of mineral. Seemingly, the entire ink lightstone had been used to make the office table. Based on its weight, Lin Huang estimated its price to be comparable to an ancient relic's.

On the other hand, the office chair was built using dark gold. Dark gold was an alloy and it was one of the primary materials used to make ancient relics. The chair was made of quality materials and its price could also be compared to an ancient relic.

The cost of the sofa was high. Just by looking at the sofa legs and arms, it was apparent that its frame was made from the bones of monsters. The leather that wrapped around the sofa was from the black-scaled dragonkin while its back and seats were made of skin with leopard print. Lin Huang could roughly recognize that it was the skin of a monster called the Sapphire Coeurl. As for the leather, it should be made from the skin of the Thinscale Night Dragon. Both of them were imperial-level monsters. Therefore, Lin Huang guessed that the bones of the monster must belong to the bone of an imperial-level monster as well.

As for the price of the sofa, it should be equivalent to the price of an ancient telekinetic weapon.

The both of them sat up straight on the sofa.

Chapter 794: Glorious Exit

The duo sitting on the sofa did not release any aura that was suppressing to Lin Huang. However, they did not bother to restrain the aura that exuded from their body. Lin Huang had dealt with imperial-levels several times, so from their aura, he could easily identify that the both of them were on imperial-level.

While the both of them were sizing Lin Huang up, Lin Huang returned the favor.

The one sitting on the left side of the sofa was quite tall, and he was wearing a navy blue suit. It was evident that he had recently just shaved as he had a mild green tint on his face. However, one could also see the growing stubble on his face. Right at this second, he was sitting up straight like a ramrod and his facial expression was stern. He looked at Lin Huang like he was scrutinizing him.

The man sitting on the right was very lanky too. However, he was thinner than the man sitting next to him. He had long brown hair that was tied back in a ponytail. He had a mustache and a beard that he shaved very often.

He looked much more relaxed than the one sitting next to him. However, he did not completely lie back on the sofa as he was still on his guard. He did not scrutinize him though, but he looked at him curiously.

After studying up, Lin Huang then took off his hat, revealing his hidden face.

He did not worry that both of them might discover that something was amiss. Xiao Hei had told him before that only a True God could see through the effects of the Disguise Card. Even a Virtual God would not realize anything wrong if they were to look at him close-up, let alone the two imperial-levels.

Just as Lin Huang took off his hat, the disguised aura of the

demigod was released.

Although there was only a slight release of the aura, the two imperial-levels could clearly sense the combat level screened by Lin Huang at such a close distance. Their pupils immediately dilated, and they exchanged glances with each other. They stood up from the sofa at almost the same time and bowed deeply to Lin Huang.

"Sir!"

A demigod had the most powerful combat strength on this land and was undoubtedly one of the strongest people even if they were to go to the Land of Origin in Division 1. Many of the old and well-known families at the core zones and the leaders from various organizations were also on demigod-level.

The man with the ponytail and the man in the suit were respectful not just due to the difference in combat strength, but also the disparity in status. The status of all demigods on this land, including those who trained themselves without joining any organization, could be compared to the elders from the royal families. Both of them ought to respect the elders.

Of course, Lin Huang knew about this and did not feel strange when they paid him their respects. He waved his hand slightly and walked towards the sofa. He then moved one of the single-seater sofas and sat down. He did not say anything while sizing up the man with the ponytail.

After a moment of silence, the both of them felt nervous and the man with the ponytail finally initiated the conversation.

"May I know if you're a buyer or a seller?"

"I have a few items for sale, but I'm not sure if you know much about them." Lin Huang sounded as if he was lecturing his juniors.

"Don't worry. We have 28 professional appraisers. 25 of them are Grade-A appraisers and the other three are Grade-S appraisers. The

man next to me and I are both Grade-S appraisers."

An appraiser could not be blase when examining the grade of an item. A true appraiser had to be capable of clearly determining the ingredients of each item, its raw materials, the price of each raw material, and the difficulty of the finishing process of the product. Only then could the appraiser make an accurate estimate of its price. An appraiser had the right to set the call price of each item.

The grade of each appraiser was highly dependent on their combat strength. The reason being was that the appraiser would need to insert Life Power into the relic in order to know the exact function of the relic, the conversion rate of the Life Power of the relic and other details.

For example, anyone below immortal-level would be unable to activate an ancient relic. Therefore, in order to examine an ancient relic, one would need to fulfill the requirement whereby their combat strength had to be at least on immortal-level.

The so-called Grade-A appraisers were on immortal-level. They could accurately evaluate an ancient relic. At the same time, they had the right to set a price for the ancient relic, so the auction could refer to the price provided to fix the call price.

As for the Grade-S appraisers, they basically had to be on imperial-level and they must possess the ability to examine a demigod relic. Of course, they had the right to set a price for the demigod relic.

Lin Huang was surprised. Despite not having been to many of the auctions, he knew that as the largest auction house in Division 7, the Kyoto Auction House only had three Grade-S appraisers.

The Wanbao Auction could only obtain the 10th place among all the auction houses in Division 3. It was no better than the Dark Auction House which was ranked 11th. Basically, the Wanbao Auction could possibly be replaced at any time by the Dark Auction.

However, such an auction house would be on par with the first auction house, the Kyoto Auction House in Division 7.

"This is a core zone for real. Other divisions are incomparable to it," Lin Huang thought to himself. However, he acted as if there was nothing exciting.

"Are the both of you Grade-S appraisers?" Lin Huang glanced at the both of them with a scrutinizing gaze.

The man with the ponytail smiled while projecting his certificate as an appraiser. "Sir, this is my certificate."

The man in the suit who stood next to him immediately projected his certificate without any facial expression.

It was a card with only some brief information about the appraiser. There was information like photos, names, certificate ID, and registration time.

Information such as items that had been examined and the detailed evaluation reports was hidden. The appraiser would need to authorize others in order for the rest to have access to it.

Lin Huang did not need to know all this. It was not necessary for him to look at their certificates though. To prove his arrogance, he doubted their identity, behaving in a manner he should be.

Glancing through both of their certificates, Lin Huang immediately shifted his gaze back to the man with the ponytail and smirked.

"Your name is Tang Xu. Are you from the Tang family?"

Among a few of the royal families in Division 3, the Tang family was one of them with two demigods from the Tang family. Before coming to the Wanbao Auction, Lin Huang had no idea that the auction house was actually the run by the Tangs.

"Please don't laugh at me." Tang Xu smiled, nodding his head.

Lin Huang nodded and did not ask further about Tang Xu's

identity. "It's quite reliable I guess since the auction house is part of the Tang family's business."

After finishing his words, Lin Huang took out the demigod saber chosen by Bloody from his Emperor's Heart Ring. He then gradually drew it from the scabbard.

As soon as the saber was pulled out of the scabbard, a blood intricate lit up on the blade of the saber, releasing a faint bloody glow. Soon after, the bloody glow surrounded the entire blade of the saber.

"Demigod relic!" Right after the saber was being drawn out of the scabbard, the both of them fixed their gazes on the saber.

"What do you think about this saber?" Lin Huang grinned as he asked both of them.

"It's an incredible saber! It's much better than the one that we intend to sell on the last day of the auction!" Tang Xu excitedly grabbed the saber from Lin Huang and took a closer look at it. He was in love with the saber.

The man in the suit who stood next to him carefully looked at each and every inch of the saber as well.

"Offer me a price." Lin Huang did not show them the other two demigod relics. He patiently waited for the both of them to have a better look at the saber before he requested them to offer him a price.

"The call price of this saber is 30 billion," the man in the suit offered.

"What do you think?" Lin Huang seemed to be unhappy with the price, turning his head back and looking at Tang Xu.

"30 billion is a pretty reasonable price." Tang Xu kept quiet for a moment before responding to him, "However, the price can be a little higher since the saber can be sold off on the last day of the auction. I'll fix the price at 33 billion then."

After setting the price, Tang Xu noticed that Lin Huang's facial expression remained unchanged. He then continued, "Sir, the call price doesn't have to be too high. If the price being set is too high, you might scare some of the potential bidders away."

"What's the call price of the item that you just mentioned which you intend to sell on the last day of the auction?" Lin Huang asked.

"25 billion. The price is slightly higher than usual. If it weren't the last item for sale at the auction, the price wouldn't be higher than 23 billion." Tang Xu was honest.

"Alright. I'll accept the offer then." Lin Huang grinned. "Since the price of the saber is 33 billion, I suppose that the other two demigod relics of similar quality will be offered almost the same price, right? Can the both of you please have a look at them?"

After having his words uttered, Lin Huang then took out the other two demigod relics where he had a combat sword and a set of armor.

Tang Xu and Tang Yi were startled. Lin Huang had set them up. The price of the saber was actually set slightly higher than normal price. They did not expect Lin Huang to have another two demigod relics.

However, both of them were soon attracted by the other two demigod relics.

Spending almost 20 minutes to complete the evaluation, both of them then decided the final price of the relics after a short discussion.

"The quality of the sword is almost the same as that of the saber as it can be sold during the last day of the auction as well. The call price will be 32 billion. As for the set of armor, since it's the only demigod-level armor we have at the auction, it can be priced slightly higher at 38 billion. Sir, do you agree with the price offered?"

"Okay." Still, Lin Huang answered without any facial expression. In fact, he was feeling great inside. He was expecting to earn about 90 billion from the three demigod relics. However, the price offered had exceeded 100 billion.

"Under normal circumstances, a 5% administration fee will be charged by the auction house. I'll give you a Supreme Member Card and only 3% administration fees will be charged. If you feel like buying anything from the Wanbao Auction, you'll get 20% off on all items!" Tang Xu then paused for a moment, lowering his voice and added, "Including the illegal items."

"Also, the card will be valid for a lifetime as long as our auction house does not go bankrupt," Tang Xu said as he took out a golden card the size of half a palm from his Emperor's Heart Ring and passed it to Lin Huang. "Scan it with your Emperor's Heart Ring and it'll be in sync with your identity. Our system will be able to detect your Emperor's Heart Ring on its own then."

Lin Huang took the card from him and fiddled around with it. "Does it mean that the card can no longer be used after scanning it with my Emperor's Heart Ring?"

"Yes, it is. You can only sync one Emperor's Heart Ring to one card. You no longer need to use the card after it's in sync with your identity. You can do whatever you like to the card."

"Does it mean that I can give it to anyone as long as I don't connect it to my Emperor's Heart Ring?" Lin Huang asked again.

"Yes, it is. However, only the Emperor's Heart Ring that's in sync with the Supreme member card will be eligible to enjoy those offers."

"Alright, I know. I'll leave the items here and I'm not going to the auction. My apprentice will be attending instead.. You shall just pay the final amount of money for the items sold to him. He'll bring along this card when he attends the auction." Lin Huang was preparing himself for what was going to happen soon as he had to

come along with Yi Zheng and he could not attend the auction by wearing a disguise.

"It's sad that you can't attend the auction on your own. However, we'll treat your apprentice well."

"Please remind him about the underground auction as well. I think he has something to buy," Lin Huang deliberately urged him. He knew that an invitation was required in order to join the underground auction as there were many illegal items that could not be sold in public. They had to restrict the buyers to avoid getting into trouble.

"Okay, I got it. Don't worry. I'll make arrangements for you." Tang Xu nodded his head as he did not feel strange about it.

"I'm done with it. You may continue with your work. Thank you for your hospitality." After finishing his words, Lin Huang's body was akin to the breaking of glass as it decomposed swiftly and faded away.

The duo was stunned when they saw what just happened. They only regained their senses when Lin Huang's body had disappeared entirely.

"The skill of a demigod is fantastic!" Tang Xu exclaimed.

"I can't even recognize if it was a unique body movement or a cloning skill." Tang Yi was feeling surprised.

"There's a monitoring system in my office. The scene should've been recorded." Tang Xu looked in the direction where the Surveillance Snail was being hidden.

"I guess we should show this to the elders. Perhaps they'll know who he is." Tang Yi suggested.

"That's what I was thinking too."

Hundreds of meters away from the hotel, Lin Huang grinned.

In order to create such an astonishing departing effect, Lin

Huang sent his clone to meet the both of them. The clone was created with his Cloning Card. The clone then wore a disguise with the Disguise Card, putting his consciousness into the clone. His real body had been sitting on the hotel sofa since the very beginning.

Just as he wanted to use the Disguise Card, Lin Huang pondered how he could leave the auction house without being followed so that his identity would not be revealed. Regardless of how well he could disguise himself, his combat strength was only on holy fire-level. If he were followed by an imperial-level, he would be unable to get rid of them.

After a long while, only then did he come up with this plan. He met them with his clone, making such a glorious exit. Nobody could follow after him and he could even deter the people from the auction house.

Lin Huang even asked Xiao Hei to turn his Emperor's Heart Ring into a card. The card was recalled right as the clone left. As for the Supreme member card, Lin Huang had already stored it into his Emperor's Heart Ring.

Putting on his Emperor's Heart Ring that gradually formed in his hand, Lin Huang took a deep breath and said, "I'm glad that there were no mistakes."

Chapter 795: Yi Zheng Is Here

Late August marked the beginning of autumn at Wanbao City. The temperature was about 27 degree Celsius and it was much more comfortable than the climate a week ago.

Framing both sides of the road were Jingui Trees with stunning blossoms and its fragrance permeated the air.

It was named the Jingui Tree because its flower was golden in color. It glowed as the sun shone on it, looking luxurious.

The plant was somewhat similar to the sweet osmanthus on Earth. However, it was lightly scented and did not overpower the senses.

Contrary to its reserved scent, the Jingui Tree was larger and taller than the sweet osmanthus on Earth. Most of the trees were 15 meters to 25 meters tall. A few of them reached 30 meters and above. Those with a height of 50 meters and above were known as Jingui Kings. They were rare and their price could be compared to that of an ancient relic's.

Lin Huang had taken his bath early in the morning. He leisurely walked toward the portal located at the center of Wanbao City.

He went to a café opposite the portal and sat by the window. He then ordered a set of breakfast with a black coffee, patiently waiting for Yi Zheng to arrive.

He even captured a photo of his breakfast and posted on his social media.

There were a few comments and likes less than three minutes after the photo was posted.

"Are you waiting for my brother?" Yi Yeyu was the first person who commented. She seemed to be tracking all of her friends' activities constantly.

"Why are you taking pictures of food? You should've taken pictures of the beautiful ladies!" Li Lang posted the second comment.

Leng Yuexin liked the post without commenting on anything.

Lin Xin commented with an emoji showing bared teeth.

On his way, Yi Zheng saw his post as well and he commented, "I departed without eating breakfast. I'm ravenous now... Xiao Yu, comfort me, please. Boohoo!"

However, Yi Yeyu's reply was "F*ck off!!!"

Lin Huang did not expect Mr. Fu to comment as well. However, his comment was "Does it taste good?"

After chatting with his friends for a while, Lin Huang browsed the news on his Emperor's Heart Ring since it was still early.

By default, the Emperor's Heart Ring would show the local news. Unless he changed its default homepage, the news that first popped up would be the local news regardless of where he was.

As he tapped the webpage open, he was startled to see the news headlines.

The headline was "Wanbao Auction Will Have Three Secret Items to Be Auctioned Off on the Last Day of the Auction!"

Lin Huang immediately tapped it open to read the contents.

The news reported that there was a demigod who secretly visited Wanbao Auction House at night, leaving three items to them and left."

The news did not mention what those three items were. However, it did say that the two demigod relics that they intended to sell on the last day of the auction would be shifted to the first day of the auction instead.

Right after the news was published, many people began commenting.

"The three items have replaced the demigod relics. Could they be God relics?"

"They might be God relics or God items."

"Items offered by a demigod must be at least on demigod-level. The quality of these items must be better than the previous two demigod relics in order to be able to replace them. The three secret items are definitely worth looking forward to."

The people from different royal families and organizations panicked after reading the news early in the morning.

"There might be the appearance of Virtual God items at the auction. I need more cash!"

"Regardless of the probability of having a God relic or a God item at the auction, as long as there's a gleam of hope, we have to be well prepared and get them all!"

"The last time there was a God relic at the auction was 31 years ago. As for the God item, the last time they had such an item for sale was at the Land of Origin 46 years ago. If there really is a God item or a God relic at the auction, we're getting it by all means!"

Lin Huang was the culprit who had caused all this to happen. He was now leisurely reading the news while drinking his cup of coffee.

At 9.26 a.m., Lin Huang received a voice message from Yi Zheng. "I'm here. Where are you?"

"Exit from the south door. I'm in the café opposite." Lin Huang then finished his last sip of coffee and strolled out of the café.

Just as he stepped out of the café, he saw Yi Zheng walking towards him from the south door of the portal.

He waved his hand and Yi Zheng walked towards him with a smile.

"I haven't seen you in half a year. You've grown taller." Yi Zheng

patted Lin Huang's shoulder.

"Is it?" Lin Huang asked as he raised his brows. He had been in Division 3 for more than four months using Lin Xie's fake identity most of the time and he did not realize the changes in his body.

"You're almost the same height as I am," Yi Zheng compared. The difference between their heights was probably less than a centimeter and was hardly detectable. He was 183 centimeters tall. Half a year ago, when the both of them entered the grade-5 ruins together, they were about five centimeters different in height, which was apparent.

"Perhaps I've really grown taller." Lin Huang realized that they were now at the same eye level.

"Let's go back to the hotel."

"You haven't taken your breakfast. Don't you want to eat something first?" Lin Huang turned his body slightly, pointing at the restaurant that he had just taken his breakfast at. "They serve pretty good food."

"It's okay. I've taken my breakfast. I was just teasing Xiao Yu just now." Yi Zheng smiled, shaking his head.

"Alright. Let's go back to the hotel then."

Lin Huang immediately summoned the Dimensional Portal without a moment of hesitation. The both of them then strode into it.

In the next moment, they arrived at the hotel where Lin Huang was staying.

"The room looks cozy," Yi Zheng teased as he glanced around the room.

"This is your room. Mine is to the right of yours." Lin Huang pointed at his room. "I've done the check-in process for you, so you're all set. I'll send you the key card now."

After finishing his sentence, Yi Zheng then received the electronic key card from Lin Huang.

"Do you want to take a rest first and walk around the stalls later after lunch? Or do you want to go now?" Lin Huang asked.

"I think we shall go now. The auction begins tomorrow. I need to familiarize myself with the place first. Let's see if we can find something worth buying," Yi Zheng said in excitement.

Before the auction officially began, sellers peddled a variety of items outside the auction house. Not every one of them would set up a stall. Some of them had their own platform to display the items for sale. However, everybody had already gotten used to calling them "stalls".

Most of the people who wanted to attend the auction would usually walk around these stalls before the auction officially began. They hoped to buy something that others could have possibly missed out on.

"Alright, then let's walk around the stalls first." Lin Huang had actually visited these stalls on the very first day that he arrived at Wanbao City. However, there was nothing worth buying. Seeing Yi Zheng's excitement, he did not want to disappoint him.

Chapter 796: A Healthy Sibling Relationship

The hotel which Lin Huang was staying at was less than 300 meters away from the auction house.

He left the hotel with Yi Zheng. They walked along the street and soon, they arrived at the auction house.

There were many sellers outside the auction house. Yi Zheng then joined the crowd excitedly and visited each of the stalls.

Lin Huang followed after him. He took a glance at the stalls and he clearly detected everything through his Divine Telekinesis.

Most of them were just selling worthless stuff and there were many counterfeit goods as well.

Lin Huang scanned through tens of stalls with his Divine Telekinesis. Not a single transcendent item could be found.

Although Yi Zheng did not possess Divine Telekinesis, he had been brought up in a royal family. Despite not being an appraiser, he was definitely an expert in this field.

They spent the entire morning visiting hundreds of stalls. Soon, Yi Zheng's facial expression changed as he found nothing to buy.

"I'm overthinking. There are just a few transcendent items which aren't really great in terms of quality, but they're being sold at an exceptionally high price."

"The stalls have been here for more than a week. Many immortal and imperial-levels have visited these stalls. If there were items that were really valuable, they'd have bought them earlier," Lin Huang raised his brows and said with a simper, "Are you really expecting to find something valuable here? That's too good to be true."

"Let's go in and walk around." Yi Zheng did not want to give up yet.

Lin Huang had no choice but to follow him into the auction house.

It was much more crowded inside. Yi Zheng had regained his enthusiasm and soon, he followed the crowd. Lin Huang accompanied him for a while but was quickly left behind. Although Lin Huang could easily locate his position with Divine Telekinesis, he could not follow him closely as the auction house was now jammed packed.

He was too lazy to make his way through the crowd, so he decided to follow the crowd while detecting the stalls nearby with his Divine Telekinesis.

He had to admit that the items the stalls in the auction house sold were of a higher quality compared to the items being sold outside. Lin Huang scanned through more than 20 stalls with his Divine Telekinesis, and almost every stall had transcendent items available for sale. Most of the sellers were on holy fire-level and there were even some immortal-levels as well.

However, those transcendent items came at a steep price as they were at least 20% more expensive than the market price.

As Lin Huang glanced through the stall, he noticed a few supreme relics as well. However, none of them managed to attract his attention.

Among the supreme relics he owned, he had two combat swords, three sets of telekinetic daggers and two sets of armor that were still new. As for ancient relics, he had a sword, an armor, and three sets of daggers. Of course, he would not be interested in the items sold at these stalls.

With his Divine Telekinesis, he detected that Yi Zheng had stopped in front of one of the stalls not far away from him. He was looking at a supreme relic that was in the shape of an umbrella. Soon, he began to bargain with the owner.

Lin Huang felt that it was strange and he contacted him, "Why do you want to buy this?"

"Since I'm here in Division 3, I'll need to buy some New Year gifts for Xiao Yu. The umbrella looks pretty. I think that she'll like it," Yi Zheng answered.

Lin Huang was speechless. He could buy an umbrella like this anywhere. Moreover, the one that Yi Zheng was holding was not an umbrella. It was a unique type of weapon that appeared like an umbrella. The process of making of that particular umbrella was very complicated. The market price of this item was at least 50% much more expensive than a sword of the same grade. The stall owner was quoting him double the cost of a supreme relic.

Nevertheless, Lin Huang did not stop him. From a short distance, he saw Yi Zheng purchase the umbrella at a price that was 1.8 times higher than the price of a sword of the same quality.

"He's a siscon for real..." Lin Huang mumbled. The face of a short-haired girl with bangs then flashed through his mind.

"Xin Er..."

Lin Huang had a rather soft gaze as he thought about Lin Xin. "What New Year gift should I buy for her?"

It was about 1 p.m. after he visited all the stalls.

Lin Huang did not buy anything while Yi Zheng's only purchase was the umbrella.

"Let's eat something first. I know a seafood restaurant nearby that serves delicious food," Lin Huang suggested as they walked out of the auction house.

"Okay. Let's talk over lunch. I'm interested in what you've been through over the past few months." Yi Zheng respected Lin Huang to some extent. He had left home at the age of 18 and trained in the core zone alone. It seemed like he had been doing exceptionally well there.

They then arrived at the restaurant and ordered some food. Yi Zheng initiated the conversation. "What do you want to buy at the Wanbao Auction? An ancient relic?" He could sense that Lin Huang's combat strength had advanced to gold flame-level. That being said, he was actually close to immortal-level.

"No. I have an ancient relic. I'm here to sell off some of my stuff and have a look at the underground auction. I want to buy God Crashers." Lin Huang did not hide his intention from Yi Zheng since they had discovered the God Crashers together.

"God Crashers?!" Yi Zheng frowned as he heard that. "Have you used up all the God Crashers?"

Lin Huang grinned, nodding his head and he did not say anything else.

"It seems like the past few months have been hard on you." Yi Zheng knew that Lin Huang definitely would not have used the God Crashers if it was not an extreme emergency. He had encountered danger for more than once since he had used up all the God Crashers.

"Division 3 is a complicated place. You have to be careful if you are to train here." Lin Huang did not explain any further and warned Yi Zheng. He then changed the topic. "How's Yeyu?"

"As usual, she still slacks off at training." Yi Zheng looked resentful. "She's actually way more talented than I am. As long as she's willing to put more effort into her training, she'll be able to surpass me very soon."

"Will you be worried if she beats you?" Lin Huang teased.

As a siscon, it was his nature to protect his sister. If Yi Yeyu happened to be stronger than him and no longer needed his protection, he would probably be upset.

Yi Zheng was stunned when he heard that. He kept quiet for a couple of moments before changing the topic again. "Tell me what

you've done in the past few months so that I can learn from your experience. Knowing that you've used up all the God Crashers, I worry if I'll die in Division 3. If I die during the training, Xiao Yu might engrave stuff I wouldn't want to see on my grave such as 'The weak person who died from choking on his saliva', 'The fool who died from slipping on a watermelon rind...'

"Both of you sure have a healthy sibling relationship!" Lin Huang thought to himself.

Chapter 797: I'm Just Selling off a Few of the Demigod Relics

The long-awaited Wanbao Auction officially began on the first of September.

Slightly after seven o'clock in the morning, Lin Huang knocked on Yi Zheng's door as his room was just next to his.

After a short while, Yi Zheng opened the door and was stunned when he saw Lin Huang. He then shook his head helplessly. "I'm not used to seeing you in this guise."

"I've no choice but to temporarily use this identity in Division 3 to avoid getting into trouble." Lin Huang shrugged his shoulders as he had already disguised himself as Lin Xie. "You'll get used to it soon."

He had told Yi Zheng about his fake identity the night before. He even showed him how he looked like after putting on his disguise. It was Yi Zheng's second time seeing this face but he still could not get used to it.

"Your name is Lin Xi, isn't it?" Yi Zheng confirmed with Lin Huang again. Lin Huang had already told him the night before, but he was afraid that he might recall wrongly.

"You're right." Lin Huang nodded his head.

"I'll address you as Lin Xie from now onwards." In order to avoid calling him the wrong name, Yi Zheng decided to start addressing him as Lin Xie.

"I guess you should get a pseudo-relic in the future. It'd be best if it were an ancient relic which can cheat most imperial-levels," Lin Huang then said, "It's very complicated in Division 3 with so many underworlds. Some of the footholds are ridiculously confusing. There's almost half a year left to the new year. You'll face some trouble. Sometimes, when you don't feel like getting involved at

all, trouble will come to you too. Having a pseudo-relic can save you from that hassle."

Yi Zheng was not weak and he was just as experienced as Lin Huang.

Lin Huang was telling him all this not because he doubted Yi Zheng's ability and experience. Instead, he was worried that Yi Zheng did not realize how dangerous Division 3 was. He would die if he were to be careless especially in places like Division 3.

"I've got it. Don't worry. I won't put my life at risk." Yi Zheng's facial expression became serious. "As for the pseudo-relic, I'll get myself one soon."

In fact, before meeting up with Lin Huang, Yi Zheng did not take training seriously. He used to think that he was now on immortal-level and nothing could possibly endanger his life. He thought that the half-year training program could not be compared to the training at home. However, after listening to what Lin Huang said regarding the distribution of various organizations and some of the incidents between the organizations in Division 3 the night before, he suddenly felt that he had entered an ancient forest. There were cruel, carnivorous monsters that could kill him at any time.

After chatting for a while, they then entered the floating staircase and had their buffet breakfast on the first floor of the hotel. It was just 7.30 a.m. After leaving the hotel, they leisurely headed towards the auction house. Soon, they arrived.

Many of the stalls had been set up at the plaza in front of the auction house. Some of the crowd was casually walking around the stalls but most of them were there for the auction.

The auction began at 9 a.m. and they could only enter at 8.30 a.m. They had to wait for another hour. Since they had gone there early, they could only walk around to kill time.

"Let's walk around?" Yi Zheng asked, turning his head back at Lin

Huang.

"There's nothing to see here. Let's enter the auction house." Lin Huang then walked towards the entrance of the auction house.

"We're only allowed to enter at 8.30 a.m.!" Seeing the two guards in uniforms stationed in front of the entrance, Yi Zheng whispered to Lin Huang. He could sense that the both of them were at least on immortal-level rank-7.

"I'm a member, so I'm allowed to go in earlier." Lin Huang did not stop and continued heading towards the entrance of the auction house.

Yi Zheng had no choice but to follow after him.

As they reached the entrance, the guards blocked their way.

"The auction hasn't started yet. Only members and Supreme members are allowed to enter. Please show us your member card."

Lin Huang then projected the Supreme member card that had been synced to his Emperor's Heart Ring. A beam of red light shone out from the Emperor's Heart Ring of the guard on the left. A notification sound was then heard.

Beep...

"Identity is verified. Identity: Supreme member. You're allowed to bring three people along."

"A gold flame-level Supreme member?"

Both of the guards secretly exchanged glances with each other and moved aside. They then allowed Lin Huang to enter. "Welcome."

Although Yi Zheng did not say anything, he looked at Lin Huang with a strange expression.

As they entered the auction hall, a tall female staff approached them.

"Please follow me."

The female staff then led them to a closed floating staircase and said, "Please scan your member card at the detector."

Lin Huang projected the Supreme member card and scanned it on the detector built into the floating staircase. The number three then lit up on the upper part of the floating staircase.

Soon after, the floating staircase began to move.

Lin Huang could clearly tell that the floating staircase was moving upward. After reaching a certain distance, it began to move horizontally.

After a short while, the floating staircase stopped moving and the door opened.

He then noticed that the floating staircase had actually stopped right in front of a room.

The female staff led them out of the floating staircase and entered one of the big halls.

"The rooms on the third floor are VIP rooms for the Supreme members. There're a total of eight VIP rooms. We'll arrange it according to the sequence the VIP members arrive. VIP room No. 1 is now full and this is VIP room No. 2."

"Is this the hall?" Seeing the luxurious design of the hall which was more than 500 square meters, he felt that it resembled a small palace.

"Yes, it is. The Grade-S VIP room for all the Supreme members has been renovated with the highest standard of design. The total area of each of the VP rooms is more than 3,000 square meters. Aside from its living room, bedroom, kitchen, toilet, and other basic functions, it's also equipped with a training room, game room, cinema, bathhouse, swimming pool, balcony, and other facilities. Of course, the most important facility will definitely be the stage that enables them to have a full view of the auction.

"Building the VIP room must cost a lot. Is the room left vacant when there's no auction?" Lin Huang, who followed after the female staff, asked. Perhaps the price of building the VIP room would far exceed the price of an ancient relic.

"No. The VIP rooms normally serve as a hotel. This isn't only an auction house, but it's also one of the three most expensive hotels in Wanbao City. However, the Grade-S VIP room will never be opened to the public. Only members and Supreme members are eligible to check into the hotel. Non-members are only allowed to check into the Grade-A VIP room.

"Also, during the auction, the VIP room won't accept any check-ins. We'll provide a free stay for members and Supreme members. When there's no auction going on, even Supreme members will need to pay for their stay.

"The guests in VIP room No.1 came three days ago. They have to pay for their stay up until last night. He's eligible for the free stay starting from tonight. There are other guests in the Grade-S VIP room too. However, because of the auction today, all of them have checked out yesterday."

"So, the hotel business is quite profitable?" Lin Huang raised his brows.

"Yes, it is. We're booked out until next June."

"Are there many of them who book the Grade-S VIP room as well?"

"As for the Grade-S VIP room, the bookings are full until next September since the number of rooms available is relatively few," the female staff laughed as she said.

"I'm wondering if we should check out from our current hotel..." Lin Huang thought to himself.

The female staff guided Lin Huang and Yi Zheng to walk around the room. It took her about 50 minutes to finish introducing all the

functions available in the VIP room.

"Dear customer, if you need anything else, you may visit the check-in webpage of the hotel on the Emperor's Heart Ring and click on the bell-shaped button. We'll then make the arrangements for you." After telling them what to do, the female staff then left the room.

"The auction is about to start. Let's go to the stage and have a look." Lin Huang glanced at the clock. It was about 8.30 a.m.

The stage in the VIP room spanned about 20 meters. There was an artificial periosteum that was akin to a huge, arc-shaped, transparent glass which separated the VIP room from the auction hall.

It was as clear as glass if one were to look at the auction hall from the stage. However, from the auction hall, it seemed like everything behind it was covered by a huge black curtain.

The both of them then sat on a sofa in front of the stage. Lin Huang unsealed an alcoholic beverage, pouring it for himself and Yi Zheng.

They then gulped the drink, slowly finishing their beverages. Yi Zheng, who had been keeping quiet all the while, then turn his head back and looked at Lin Huang. "I've been wanting to ask you in the beginning. What did you offer them for sale to the point that you're now the Supreme member of Wanbao Auction?"

"To be honest, I've no idea what we should do in order to become a Supreme member of Wanbao Auction. However, I know that there are two ways to become their ordinary members. The first one is to spend more than 100 million Life Crystals and the other is to sell items that worth more than 500 million Life Crystals. That being said, even if you were to sell an ancient relic, you need to sell at least 10 of them."

Yi Zheng paused for a moment. He then added, "Of course, it's

okay if you don't feel like telling. I'm just asking out of curiosity."

"There's nothing that I can't tell." Lin Huang then downed the other half of his drink, turning his head back with a smile as he looked at Yi Zheng. "I'm just selling off a few demigod relics."

Chapter 798: The Auction Has Begun

At 8.30a.m. the door of the auction house officially opened and the bidders entered the auction house one after another.

Excluding the VIP room, Wanbao Auction could accommodate 12,000 people at most. It was different from the stadium that could simply hold tens of thousands of people. Wanbao Auction was considered big for an auction house.

It was because the spectators in a stadium were mostly ordinary people. However, those who attended an auction were mostly the cultivators and the number of transcendents who attended could be more than one-third of the total number of people at times.

Some of the cultivators attended the auction not because they wanted to bid at an auction. Instead, they wanted to gain knowledge and see how the transcendents looked like. There were also people who came here just for fun, wanting to see the war between the pros at the auction.

Soon, 12,000 seats were occupied. Lin Huang and Yi Zheng could clearly sense that there were about 5,000 transcendents out there and a majority of them were on holy fire-level.

"There are only four immortal-level and none of them is on imperial-level." Yi Zheng looked around, feeling surprised.

"Perhaps they've entered the VIP room." Lin Huang stood up, walking towards the transparent periosteum. He lowered his head as he looked downward. It was covered in black and he could see nothing.

As the staff brought the both of them to look around the room, she had briefly told them about the VIP room. Aside from having eight Grade-S VIP rooms on the third floor, there were 128 Grade-A VIP rooms on the second floor as well.

It was about 9a.m. now after getting the crowd seated.

The auctioneer who had been waiting for them then gradually walked onto the auction stage.

The auctioneer looked young as if he was at the age of 20. He was handsome and was definitely a young guy who could attract many women on Earth.

However, Lin Huang and Yi Zheng could clearly tell that his combat strength was on immortal-level rank-9. His age was definitely not as young as he looked.

"Welcome to Wanbao Auction. I'm the auctioneer – Yu Bo. I hope that you'll be able to bid whatever you want in the next five days."

"I'm not going to waste your time and I'll keep it short. Let the bidding begin!" Yu Bo took a look at the time and it was 9a.m. sharp. He then got straight to the point.

"Let's take a look at the first item!"

After finishing his words, the staff who had already prepared themselves then brought over the first item which was covered by a red cloth.

By looking at the shape itself, it should be a long box.

Generally, there would be a sword type weapon in a box of a shape like this.

Of course, Lin Huang could not be completely sure about it as there could be some other items inside the box.

"The first item is..."

Yu Bo then unveiled the red cloth, revealing a red wooden box with delicately made engraving. Even the lock was made of pure gold.

"Ancient relic – Gold Saber!"

After having his words uttered, the red wooden box was slowly being opened and a saber could be seen.

The saber was about one meter long with a black handle. It had a golden scabbard with exquisite engraving on it.

"The Gold Saber was dropped by the Gold Serpent after being killed by an imperial-level. It's extremely sharp..."

Many of them had a stronger interest in it after listening to Yu Bo's explanation.

Even Yi Zheng felt the same about it. He had heavy breathing and it was obvious that he was already attracted by the first item.

"Do you want to buy the saber?" Lin Huang asked, raising his brows.

Lin Huang had read through the information regarding the Gold Serpent on the monster guide before. Its combat strength varied from black gold-rank to yellow gold-rank. After it was being killed, the probability of dropping an ancient relic was extremely low. However, among the ancient relics, the Gold Saber was only considered as a beginner-level weapon. Lin Huang felt that it was not worth buying it.

"The ancient relic is a very rare weapon in Division 7 and it's rarely available for sale on the market. After getting into immortal-level, the ancient relic which my family rewarded me was merely a Blackscale Saber. The weapon was obtained from killing the Dragonscale Hog where there's no addition of attributes. The quality of the Gold Saber is quite good with sharpness addition. It's much better than the one that I'm using." Yi Zheng said helplessly.

Lin Huang was startled as heard that. He then thought of it carefully, as compared to Division 3, Division 7 was indeed a place that faced resource scarcity. There was only a small number of imperial-level monsters over there. On the other hand, there were very few people who were on imperial-level as well. The two reasons had amplified the impact as the probability of a monster dropping an ancient relic was extremely small. One could then tell

its supply rate.

As for the black gold-rank Dragonscale Hog, other than having outstanding defensive ability and strength, it had nothing special in other aspects. It even had relatively low intelligence. If the immortal-level were to fight in a group, it would not be difficult to kill it as long as an appropriate way was used. Therefore, a large number of Blackscale Sabers obtained from this monster was available for sale on the market. It was not difficult to buy it as long as one was willing to spend some money for it. However, one could hardly find an ancient relic better than it and normally had to get it from the auction.

Yi Zheng's first destination was Wanbao Auction and his intention was clear. He wanted to change his equipment in the first place, preparing himself for the training after that.

On the auction stage, after the auctioneer had done a brief introduction, he finally revealed the starting price of the ancient relic.

"The starting price will be 22 million Life Crystals! The price increment must not be less than 500,000 Life Crystals each raise."

After having his words uttered, the bidders began to place their bid.

"23 million!"

"24 million!"

"25 million!"

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After just a couple of moments, the bid price had exceeded 30 million.

Seeing the situation at the auction house, Yi Zheng had not placed a bid yet. It was not because he did not want to bid for it, it was simply because the bids were being placed too quickly. He did

not even have the chance to hit the button to place a bid each time.

However, after the price had increased to 30 million, the number of bidders had reduced significantly. The price increment for each raise was no longer one million but only 500,000.

Just as the price rose to 31.5 million, Yi Zheng finally pressed the button to raise the bid. He then offered his bid price, "35 million!"

Lin Huang did not stop him as he could use it first after purchasing it. He could buy another one when there was a better choice later on. If he were to sell it to the auction house by then, he would not suffer great losses. It could be treated as the usage fees.

All of them shifted their gaze in the direction where the Supreme member who had just placed a bid on the third floor.

Since it was being covered by a black screen, what could be seen were the golden characters, "35 million!"

It was the special effect for the bid price of the Grade-S VIP room. The price would be displayed in the state of a golden spark on the isolation layer which was 20 meters long.

Yi Zheng was the first person who placed a bid among all the guests in the VIP rooms.

Many of them began to talk about it as it was their first time to join Wanbao Auction. What just happened was like a novelty to them.

"He's on the third floor. I heard that only the Supreme members are qualified to enter the Grade-S VIP room."

"It's really different to be in the Grade-S VIP room. They even have a special effect on the bid price!"

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"The Supreme members of Wanbao Auction will usually have a powerful background. Why is he interested in an ancient relic of such a quality?" A man who wore glasses and had blond hair in one

of the Grade-A VIP rooms on the second floor smirked. Soon after, he pressed the bid button.

"36 million!"

Characters in silver color suddenly lit up on the isolation layer on the second floor. It was the special effect for the members in the Grade-A VIP rooms. However, it was much weaker as compared to the effect it had when Yi Zheng placed a bid.

"Someone in the Grade-A VIP room just placed a bid!"

"What is he doing? Is he trying to suppress the pro on the third floor with his wealth?"

"What's happening? Is there anything special about the saber?"

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What the bidder from the Grade-A VIP room on the second floor just did had attracted many people's attention.

A few of the bidders no longer had the desire to bid for the saber as they saw the price being offered by the person on the third floor. They were afraid that they would offend the pro on the third floor. Seeing that the bidder from the second floor was trying to get into the bidding war, they got even more excited to watch the show.

"40 million!"

Yi Zheng had no idea why he placed a bid but he could not be bothered to continue the bidding war with him, so he simply increased the bidding price to 40 million.

"The more you desire, the more it shows that something's wrong with the saber!" The blonde man on the second floor grinned, pressing the bid button again.

"41 million!"

"61 million!" Yi Zheng unexpectedly increased the price by 20 million.

The crowd was overwhelmed as they felt that the pro on the third floor might be feeling angry now. Some of them doubted that there could be some hidden secrets in the saber being sold on the auction stage.

Even Lin Huang who sat next to him was startled, "Bro Zheng, stop fooling around. The saber worth at most 30 million. You can buy two sabers at this price."

Yi Zheng did not stay anything, staring at the auctioneer on the auction stage. Nobody knew what he was thinking about.

At the next second, the bidding price on the second floor lit up again.

"62 million!"

Lin Huang was worried that Yi Zheng would place another bid. However, Yi Zheng turned back and patted his shoulder, "Don't worry, I'm not going to place another bid."

At the auction hall, many of them lifted their head, fixing their gaze at the VIP room where Lin Huang and Yi Zheng were at. They were hoping to see the new bid price offered by Yi Zheng.

Even the auctioneer was thinking about the same thing. However, the isolation layer on the third floor remained dark. Right until the auctioneer announced that the deal had been made, the isolation layer on the third floor did not light up.

"62 million going thrice! Deal!"

"Congratulations to the bidder in VIP room No. A22 for getting the first item for sale at our auction!"

The blonde man on the second floor frowned, "Why didn't he place another bid? Perhaps I've made the wrong guess?"

In the VIP room on the third floor, Lin Huang smirked as he sized Yi Zheng up. "You did it on purpose?"

"Did I?" Yi Zheng was trying to look innocent, "I wanted to

increase the price by two million but I end up entering another zero. I then accidentally hit the bid button and the bid was placed... Fortunately, the bastard on the second floor placed a bid for it. Otherwise, I'm going to suffer great losses."

"I'm not going to believe you." Lin Huang thought to himself.

After the first item was being sold at a price of 62 million, the second item was then being displayed on the auction stage.

"Now, let's take a look at the second item!"

Chapter 799: The Death Knight and the Fallen Knight

After the first item was sold at a high price of 62 million Life Crystals, it seemed like none of the following items was priced higher than that. A few of the ancient relics were put up for sale, but there was no saber type of weapon. Yi Zheng was not interested in the sale, let alone Lin Huang.

Everyone would expect better quality items later in the auction. The show only began especially on the last day of the auction.

Soon, the first day of the auction ended.

There was nothing appealing and it made most of the crowd sleepy. Some of them could not bear it any longer and left early.

Just as the first day of the auction was about to end, the auctioneer suddenly dropped a bombshell.

"The last item for sale today won't disappoint you. Many of you know that we have three secret items to be sold off on the last day of the auction. Therefore, one of the two demigod items that we initially intended to sell on the last day of the auction will be the last item for sale today!"

As the red cloth was unveiled, it revealed a long, golden scabbard which exuded a powerful aura.

Without a doubt, it was a demigod relic.

In the auction hall, everybody obsessed over it as soon as they saw the saber.

Even Yi Zheng who sat next to Lin Huang had his eyes fixed on it. "This is the saber of legends..."

Although Lin Huang could tell that he was dying to get his hands on the saber, he was not going to lend Yi Zheng his money.

Only an imperial-level would be capable of activating a demigod relic. Yi Zheng would have no way of using it despite buying it now. He had just made it to immortal-level rank-1. Lin Huang had no idea how long Yi Zheng would have to wait until he could level up to imperial-level. Instead of buying a demigod relic, he would be better off buying equipment that he could use and training guides that were useful for him to improve his abilities.

"It's called the Dragon Slayer. Its master used to be a demon slayer who achieved imperial-level about 100 years ago. The saber was originally obtained from killing a triple mutated white gold-rank Silver-Winged Rocfiend. It was then modified and reforged with 99 sets of dragonkins' teeth and three dragonkins' vertebrae as auxiliary materials..."

On the auction stage, Yu Bo was putting a lot of effort to introduce the particular item and hype it up.

After listening to him for a while, Lin Huang then ignored him and began searching for the "demon slayer" online. After a short while, he went through all the information about this item's previous master.

The demon slayer's original name was Jiang Yi who was an imperial-level in Division 3 more than 100 years ago. About 80 years ago, he was severely injured after he explored one of the underwater ruins in the Peaceful Ocean. Less than half a year after he returned to Division 3, he died from an incurable illness. The Dragon Slayer he owned then became his son's legacy. However, after tens of years, none of his descendants managed to break through to imperial-level. None of them could use the saber and it was then abandoned.

However, Lin Huang had no idea why the saber would appear at the auction house. Since the auctioneer dared to reveal the actual information about the saber, it had to be a legitimate item.

Otherwise, they could only sell it at the underground auction instead of selling it in public.

As one of the top auction houses in Division 3, the Wanbao Auction knew the unspoken rules of the business very well and it was impossible for them to make such a silly mistake.

While Lin Huang was pondering to himself, Yu Bo who was on the auction stage had completed the introduction. "I'll stop bullshitting now. Let's begin the last round of bidding!"

"Dragon Slayer! Its starting price is 20 billion Life Crystals. The price increment mustn't be less than 500 million Life Crystals each round!"

"25 billion!"

Just as the auctioneer finished his sentence, the bidder in the VIP room on the second floor placed a bid at a price that was five billion higher than the starting price.

Seeing the silver figures light up abruptly on the black screen, most of the onlookers at the auction house were surprised.

"He increased the price by five billion without thinking twice... I can't even spare 50 Life Crystals for a bowl of noodles."

"It's great to be rich. As peasants, we wouldn't know how it feels like..."

"To the rich man on the second floor, are you looking for a son-in-law?"

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As the black screen on the second floor lit up for less than two seconds, the black screen on the third floor lit up as well.

The figures were bigger and brighter this round, and they were golden in color.

"30 billion!!!"

The bidder on the third floor raised the price for the second time and again, it was an increment of five billion. The bidding price had immediately risen up to 30 billion.

At the auction house, everybody appeared stunned. Nobody would expect such an aggressive bid for the second time!

"To the rich man on the third floor, are you looking for a son-in-law? Or do you need a houseboy? I'm an excellent bedwarmer!"

Seeing the one who said this was a muscular man who was more than two meters tall, the crowd gagged.

Yi Zheng, who was in VIP room No. 2 on the third floor, was shocked as well.

"Why are the pros in Division 3 so rich? I used to think that I was wealthy enough with hundreds of millions of Life Crystals."

"You aren't considered rich with hundreds of millions of Life Crystals." Lin Huang laughed, shaking his head. "The cheapest ancient relic costs tens of millions of Life Crystals. Those on white gold-rank basically cost at least hundreds of millions. As for those on purple gold-rank, the starting price is at least 200 million. Not forgetting the telekinetic weapons whereby the lowest ranking is on black gold-rank and costs at least 100 million. You aren't even qualified to bid for the purple gold-rank telekinetic weapon if you don't have at least two billion Life Crystals. The price of the demigod relic is even higher. Any of them will start from 10 billion Life Crystals. If they're of really premium quality, they don't accept Life Crystals but Divine Stones instead."

"Divine Stones?" Yi Zheng had just arrived at Division 3 and it was his first time coming across this term.

"A Divine Stone is a rare ore that comes with God's energy. A Divine Stone is equivalent to 100 million Life Crystals. However, almost none of them will exchange Divine Stones for Life Crystals.

The God's energy within the Divine Stone can be absorbed by demigods. This is a high-ranking currency only used by the demigods to trade."

Lin Huang heard the information regarding the Divine Stone from Mr. Fu who had casually mentioned it and he could remember it up until that day.

On the auction stage, the price of the Dragon Slayer had increased to 38 billion. The number of bidders had increased from two to five as well. Each time, the increment of price would either be 500 million or a billion.

Among the five bidders, three of them were Supreme members on the third floor whereas the other two were members on the second floor. None of the people in the auction hall had placed any bids and they were just sitting there, watching what was going to happen next.

It was not strange though since only an imperial-level was capable of activating a demigod relic. The strongest person in the auction hall was only on immortal-level rank-7.

The bidding lasted for more than ten minutes and the Dragon Slayer was finally sold to somebody else.

"The member in No. S4 VIP room bid 43 billion Crystals!"

"43 billion going once!"

"43 billion going twice!"

"Anyone wants to place another bid? Otherwise, you might not have the chance anymore!"

"Alright, 43 billion going thrice!"

"Sold!"

"43 billion..." Yi Zheng was so envious of him.

Lin Huang then thought to himself, "If the saber can be sold at 43 billion, I guess I can sell mine at 55 billion and above."

The first day of auction then ended. Lin Huang and Yi Zheng went back to the hotel empty-handed.

After having their dinner, just as Lin Huang and Yi Zheng were about to walk around the night market, Kylie's card suddenly vibrated in his body.

"I just thought of something else I have to deal with. You go first and I'll meet you at the night market after getting my things done."

After sending Yi Zheng off, Lin Huang went back to his room and summoned Kylie. "What happened?"

"The two dark knights that you placed in my mini world have completed the evolution and awoken the bloodline."

"Let's have a look."

Before coming to Wanbao City, Lin Huang had advanced the two Dark Knight cards that he just obtained, transforming them into two cocoons. Nothing happened after that but they finally managed to break free from their cocoons.

Lin Huang could not wait any longer to enter Kylie's mini world. Soon, he saw the two Dark Knights that had been transformed.

The two of them used to be exactly the same but after the evolution, they were now completely different. However, the change was out of Lin Huang's expectations.

"They look formidable."

Sensing the aura of the two knights, Lin Huang frowned and immediately checked their information in detail.

"Monster Card

"Rarity: Legendary

"Monster name: Death Knight

"Type of Monster: Spirit type

"Unique Bloodline: Death (Beginner)

"Combat Level: Immortal-Level Rank-4

"Skill 1: Immortal

"Skill 2: Dead Eye

"Skill 3: Disastrous Ring"

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"Skill 9: Death Punishment

"Summon Authority: Activated

"Card Remarks: Trainable"

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"Monster Card

"Rarity: Legendary

"Monster Name: Fallen Knight

"Type of Monster: Undying Species

"Unique Bloodline: Master of the Abyss (Beginner)

"Combat Level: Immortal-Level Rank-4

"Skill 1: Triple Inferno

"Skill 2: Instant Kill

"Skill 3: Cursed Ring"

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"Skill 9: Falling Abyss

"Summon Authority: Activated

"Card Remarks: Trainable."

"They're really powerful!" Lin Huang exclaimed after looking through their information.

Having nine beginner skills were the maximum of what a triple mutated monster could have.

Many other skills could be derived from beginner skills, forming a massive skill tree. However, many of the derived skills and advanced skills could not be used yet and were gray in color. Lin Huang knew that the two monsters had great potential just by briefly looking at their information.

"The Immortal skill is incredible. It has full blood revival three times. After the fourth death, it'll transform into a strong, immortal egg. Dead Eye is a spirit type attack skill that can directly burn its opponent's spirit. Disastrous Ring deters creatures in a specific region, depriving the opponent's intent to fight to various extents, lowering the opponent's ability to fight.

"The skills of the Fallen Knight are impressive too! Triple Inferno allows it to recover its total blood volume to 50%, 30%, and 10% three times in a row when it's on the edge of death. Its ability will be multiplied each time as its blood is restored! The Cursed Ring can weaken its opponent and includes curse effects in its skill to lower its opponent's ability. In addition to that, the Falling Abyss contaminates most of the creatures, demonizing them and gaining control over them. I suppose this is the ability of a parasite..."

Even Lin Huang was envious of some of the skills.

He then took out a bottle of mineral water from his Emperor's Heart Ring to wash his hands and face after that. After preparing himself in a spiritual way, Lin Huang mumbled, "Buddha, Jade Emperor, Guan Yin, Monkey King, Xuanzang, Pig God... Please bless me with two solid skills..."

As Lin Huang mumbled his words, he opened the skills that he had obtained.

"Skill extraction has been completed!

"Congratulations, you have obtained a skill – Knight (Death Knight).

"Congratulations, you have obtained a skill – Integration (Fallen

Knight)."

"Eh..." Seeing the two skills, Lin Huang had no idea what to say. The two skills were possessed by both the Death Knight and Fallen Knight. They were not weak and were even considered powerful. However, Lin Huang was not interested in becoming a knight. He was more inclined to get into a solo fight.

"Knight: The user of the skill is allowed to ride on any non-human monsters. On a ride, the mount's combat strength will be one to three ranks higher (depending on the grade and combat strength). At the same time, the user and the mount can share all the skills that the both of them possess, which increases the skill power anywhere from three to five times stronger.

"Remarks: A knight without a mount is not a complete knight."

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"Integration: The user of the skill can integrate with any mount, pet, or summoning monster. After the integration is completed, one's combat strength can increase anywhere from one to three ranks higher (based on the one with a higher combat strength). The leader possesses all the skills of those one has integrated with.

"Remark 1: Integration can only be done upon agreement of both parties. Otherwise, integration can't be completed.

"Remark 2: The skill can be used to overlay with the effect of the Knight skill."

However, after carefully reading the skill descriptions, Lin Huang noticed that both of the skills could be used to compensate for his greatest weakness which was his weak combat strength.

"If I were to use Knight and Integration at the same time, Bai's combat strength will be considered the initial combat strength which is immortal-level rank-4. I can level up to at least two ranks higher, reaching immortal-level rank-6. If three Provisional Combat Strength Upgrade Cards are used, my combat strength will

be upgraded to immortal-level rank-9 and I can even save my Transformation Card.

"I didn't expect that the two skills that I'm not interested in are much more practical than the skills I've been longing for."

Lin Huang was just skimming through the skill description of the two knights. He did not analyze them carefully as to which would be the most beneficial to him. He only noticed a few of the skills that he was eager to obtain. After obtaining the skills, he then realized that it was not necessary for the skill to have amazing effects. The best ones would be those that suited him the most.

He still had a few Skill Extraction Cards whereby he could extract the skills for the second time. However, after obtaining two of the new skills, 20 of his skill slots had been filled. He had to wait until he got to immortal-level for more vacant skill slots.

"My combat strength can only be upgraded to immortal-level rank-7 at the most with my Transformation Card and Provisional Combat Strength Upgrade Cards. It's a limit that I can never break through. However, with the two new skills, it's no longer difficult for me to upgrade my combat strength to immortal-level rank-9. I'm now capable of killing black gold-rank and crimson gold-rank enemies. I can finally compensate for my weaknesses!"

Chapter 800: The Fifth Day

On the second day of the auction, still, nothing caught Lin Huang's attention and he did not join the bidding war.

Yi Zheng spent 48 million bidding for a set of ancient armor. He did not buy anything else.

However, just as the auction was about to end on the second day, the last item became everybody's focus again.

Wanbao Auction had taken the demigod-level combat sword out as the last item to be sold off on that day.

The members on the second and the third floor placed their bids. The fight was even more intense compared to the first day when they wanted to buy the Dragon Slayer.

Eventually, the combat sword named Combat Shade was sold at a price of 46 billion. The buyer was the member in VIP room No. A21 on the second floor.

Since the identity of the members would be kept a secret, Lin Huang could not see how the buyer looked like.

Although the buyers in the auction hall did not place any bids, they looked happier watching the bidding war rather than placing a bid of their own.

The second day of auction then ended in high spirits.

The auction remained rather dull on the third and the fourth days as nothing appealing was sold. Over the past two days, the most expensive item that was sold as a set of ancient telekinetic weapons which was priced at 23 billion. The price was just a portion of the price of a demigod relic.

On the fourth day, Yi Zheng had finally gotten whatever he wanted after buying an ancient relic at 51 million Life Crystals. Its quality was higher than the one sold on the first day of the auction.

Just as the auctioneer mentioned that the deal was closed, he was so thrilled because he was afraid that someone would continue to raise the bid.

Lin Huang had never hit the bid button. If Yi Zheng had not been in the room, people might have doubted that there was anyone in VIP room No. 2 on the third floor.

He did not place any bid because there was nothing he was interested in. In the past four days, there was nothing that caught his attention.

There were no problems with the items sold at Wanbao Auction. Instead, Lin Huang had a very clear target. He did not like fancy things and his main concern was the practicality of the item itself. Unless it had a better function than the equipment that he was using currently or if it was an item that possessed a unique function that could improve his abilities, nothing could catch his eye. The former was hard to find and the latter was exceptionally rare. Indeed, none of the items sold at the auction fulfilled his two criteria.

Time passed and soon, it was the fifth and last day of the auction.

Before the auction began, all the seats were already occupied and the attendees were talking excitedly to each other.

In the auction hall, the seats of the guests never changed. Despite the fact that they did not know each other in the very beginning, after being "desk mates" for four days, they started to familiarize themselves with one another.

In addition to being the last day of the auction, the last three secret items to be sold off at the auction would be revealed soon. It was the reason why the people were feeling rather excited and the auction hall was livelier than it had been a few days ago.

Almost everybody was discussing the same topic – what were the last three secret items for sale?

On the third floor, Lin Huang and Yi Zheng were chatting with each other in VIP room No. 2.

"It's so lively today and it's much better than the past two days. I almost fell asleep then," Lin Huang said before tossing a red berry into his mouth.

"Today's the last day. Many of them are here for the items that you're selling," Yi Zheng said while making himself a cup of tea. After a short while, the room was filled with the fragrance of tea leaves.

"I hope that they can be sold at a good price." Lin Huang raised his brows.

"Don't worry. The prices of the three demigod relics itself aren't low," Yi Zheng laughed as he said, "They had a fierce fight to bid for the demigod relics on the first and the second day. The war between them will definitely be more intense on the last day of the auction."

Lin Huang smiled, nodding his head without saying anything else.

The room remained quiet for a short while. Soon, Lin Huang broke the silence and asked, "Where are you going after the auction?"

"I'll stay in Wanbao City for a period of time. I'll adapt myself to the environment in Division 3 and gather some information so that I can prepare myself for the upcoming training." Apparently, Yi Zheng had a plan.

"Wanbao City is under the Union Government's jurisdiction. Compared to the footholds with the code after No. A10, it's safer. Footholds after No. A10 are mostly under the underworld's jurisdiction. It's different from Division 7 where there are different kinds of people in the areas under the underworld's jurisdiction." After finishing his sentence, he told Yi Zheng about the incident of

him being blackmailed by the people in Division 3 when he first arrived.

Yi Zheng simmered with laughter when he heard the anecdote.

"Despite many of them from the underworld not being strong, they have their ways to blackmail others. They can do bad stuff to you. You have to be careful when checking into a hotel. You need to check the background of the hotel before deciding whether to stay there or not. Some of the hotels look luxurious in photos, but they're actually tourist traps. Not to mention robberies and the badger game, some of them will even use guest towels to wash the toilet bowl. After that, they'll use the same towel to clean the glasses and tea set..."

Yi Zheng fixed his gaze on the tea set that he had just used. He then took a long, hard look at the cup that he was holding, pretending as if nothing had happened and placed the cup back on the table.

After chatting for a while, the auction finally began.

After the auctioneer's opening remarks, the first item was soon available for bidding.

"The first item we have today is an ancient telekinetic weapon... The starting price is 300 million Life Crystals! The price increment must be at least five million Life Crystals each round."

"310 million!"

"330 million!"

"350 million!"

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The last day of the Wanbao Auction then began.

35 items had been sold as lunchtime approached. Aside from a few of the items that managed to trigger an intense battle, there were no eye-catching items.

"It's about noon now. Let's go for lunch!" Lin Huang stood up from the sofa, stretching his body.

"There are six more minutes to go. There must be one more item to bid for." Yi Zheng did not stand up.

"The items are almost the same. There's nothing to see." Lin Huang was not interested at all.

"Let's wait for a while. Just a few more minutes to go."

"Alright, let's see what's next." Lin Huang then sat down helplessly.

36 items were brought up the auction stage.

As the red cloth was unveiled, it revealed a palm-sized wood carving.

Lin Huang caught a glimpse of it, seeming as if he was not interested in it. All of a sudden, he received a peculiar feedback from his Divine Telekinesis.

Before Lin Huang could confirm what the feedback from his Divine Telekinesis was trying to tell him, a voice urged him, "Buy it!"

"The voice is coming from..." Lin Huang frowned. "The stone tablet?"

"It's me," the stone tablet soon responded, "It's best if you can buy the item on the auction stage."

"It's just a wood carving. Is there anything special about it?" Lin Huang could not understand why he had to get it. However, he could sense that there was something odd about the detection of God's Soul. However, he could not understand the feedback it was providing.

"It's a God's Figurine. I'll explain to you later when we have the time. Buy it first. It's more valuable than a demigod relic!"

On the auction stage, Yu Bo began introducing the item, "This

wood carving originated from the battle ruins. We don't know any further information about it though. We aren't hiding it from you. Our appraisers have no idea what it's made of and its grade can't be evaluated as well. However, this item is exceptionally hard. We've tested it with an ancient relic many times and no traces were left on it. The wooden material used might be a new material that hasn't been discovered yet..."

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